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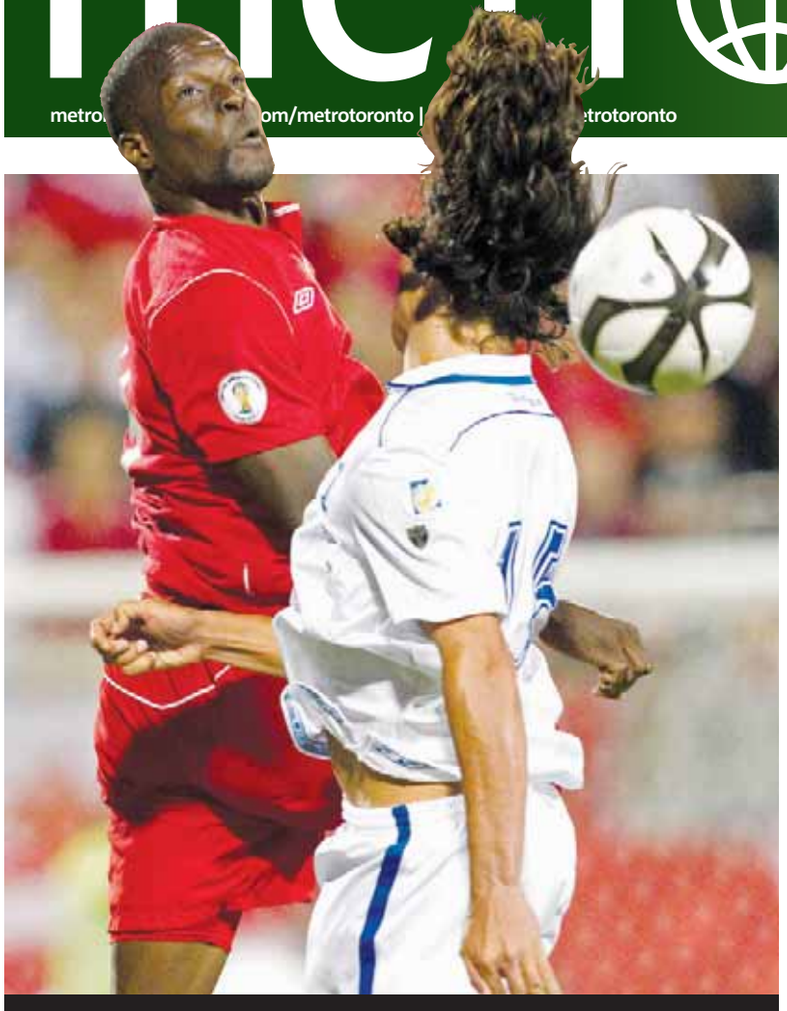

HEAD GAMES

Canada's Tosaint Ricketts, left, flicks a header past Honduras' Roger Espinoza during second-half CONCACAF World Cup qualifying action in Toronto on Tuesday. The result, a 0-0 draw, was a frustrating one for the Canadians, who were coming off a victory in Cuba last week and maintained most of the possession in this match. Story, page 42. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cop guilty in road-rage assault case

'Lost his temper.' Concerned citizens testified they saw the off-duty cop punching a driver in the head

An off-duty Toronto police officer brutally beat a fellow motorist on the side of Highway 400 in an act of road rage in front of a half-dozen witnesses, a judge has found.

Const. Bryan Thomas, 43, delivered multiple blows to the head of Sarkook Oraha, 44, who didn't fight back, Justice William Horkins said Tuesday.

And while Oraha had "provoked" Thomas by driving in a "totally unacceptable" and "dangerous" manner, the officer responded by using excessive force that was criminal and is therefore guilty of assault causing bodily harm.

"Officer Thomas lost his temper, as many people in those circumstances might have done," Horkins said.

Thomas, a former paramedic, slumped forward, removed his glasses and wiped away tears as the judge spoke.

Thomas had testified he was not angry and struck Oraha two or three times — in accordance with police use-of-force training — after he tried to resist arrest. But several witnesses who called 911 on Oct. 2, 2010, said Thomas punched Oraha in the head between 10 and 30 times.

One reported seeing "a guy beating the crap out of another guy ... who wasn't even fighting back." Another said the victim was "getting pounded pretty heavily in the head," while a third said Thomas was "whaling on the victim."

Horkins said while there was some variation in the details, he accepted the "compelling" yet "damning" evidence of the half-dozen "concerned citizens" who testified.

Sentencing is set for July 19. Assault causing bodily harm carries a maximum 18 months in jail. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Yes we can ... get a toilet app

For those who are bored of doing business alone, makers of the iPoo app offer a chance to connect with others sitting on their ivory throne PAGE 4

3-year-old gets new skin

A girl who suffered severe burns after a lighter-fluid explosion is recovering from a rare surgery in South Africa PAGE 17

It goes on & on

Rock of Ages, starring Tom Cruise, is part of a long list of films about the wicked lives of rock stars PAGE 25

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School budget cuts a 'bloodbath'

Education. Toronto board needs to axe $109M in spending to balance budget

Ontario's two biggest school boards are grappling to balance their budgets for 2012-13, accusing the Liberal government of not providing near enough funding for programs and services for schools and students.

"It's a bloodbath," said Trustee Cathy Dandy, a former vice-chair of the Toronto District School Board.

"I'm upset and frightened by this, because we have not experienced cuts to this degree since Mike Harris was in power" about a decade ago.

That sentiment was echoed at the Peel public board — the second-largest school board in the country, behind Toronto — where Chair Janet McDougald said the province claims it wants the world's best-educated workforce, "but somehow, lost in the translation, is the financial commitment to actually attain that goal.

"Because when all the numbers are crunched, all the beans counted ... the end result is not positive for the Peel District School Board, for our staff, for our students or for our community" and will mean cuts to literacy teachers and school maintenance given Peel's low per-pupil funding rate compared to other boards.

The board faces cuts of about $10 million.

"This has been the most difficult budget for this board since this 'education government' was elected and that some of the government's messages have sounded like Harris's," McDougald added.

In Toronto, trustees will vote Wednesday night on cuts to education for special needs students, closing classrooms and cafeterias, and chopping individual school budgets, to find $58 million in savings on top of the almost $51 million already axed through job cuts. Permit fees for outside groups wanting to rent school space are recommended to rise almost 41 per cent.

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From the province

- Education Minister Laurel Broten said the province has provided increased funding to boards since taking office, and in Toronto it has gone up 34 per cent over the past eight years, as enrolment declines.
- Much of that money has gone into class sizes and kindergarten and other initiatives that put students first.

Shooting. Charges to be upgraded after second Eaton Centre victim dies

The man charged in connection in the Eaton Centre shooting rampage is expected to have his charges upgraded Wednesday after a second victim in critical condition died of his injuries Monday.

Nirmalendran
TWITTER

Following the June 2 incident, Christopher Husbands, 23, was charged with one count of first-degree murder in the death of 24-year-old Ahmed Hassan and six counts of attempted murder.

Nixon Nirmalendran, 22, was taken off life support at St. Michael's Hospital Monday evening, police said.

Husbands and both victims are alleged to have been part of the same Regent Park gang, Sic Thugs, but police said the shooting was the result of personal strife and not gang-related.

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Crime

Man survives after being shot 10 times

A 31-year-old man is alive after being shot 10 times outside a restaurant near Weston Road and Wilson Avenue Monday night.

Toronto police said the shooting occurred around 10 p.m. in a parking lot behind the Frontline Sugar Restaurant on Wilson Avenue.

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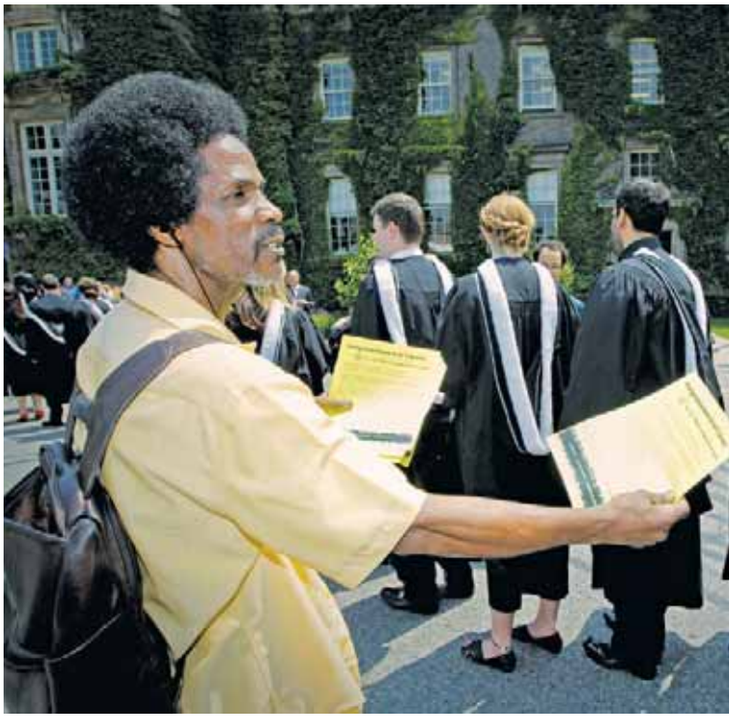
In court

Hair key in bid to quash conviction

Canada's top court is expected to rule soon on whether a few strands of hair are enough to reopen one of Greater Toronto's most notorious murder cases. Lawyers for convicted killer Leighton Hay argue that recent forensic testing prove he's innocent of the July 2002 murder of Colin Moore, 51. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Food service workers seek support at convocation

Line cook Lambet Villaroel hands out information flyers prior to a University of Toronto convocation on the downtown campus. Food service workers were asking parents and graduates for support in their struggle for fair wages. About 300 members of UNITE HERE Local 75 who serve food and drink at U of T's downtown and Scarborough campuses are seeking better wages and benefits from their employers, Aramark Canada Ltd. and Compass Group Canada.

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On the web

Rivalry leads to Euro clash

Soccer hooligans clashed with opposing fans and police before and during Poland's game against bitter rival Russia on Tuesday, leaving 15 injured while more than 140 people were detained. Watch the melee at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

France's political circles were up in arms over a tweet by President Francois Hollande's girlfriend. Scan the code to read about how Valérie Trierweiler dominated the news and the blogosphere most of Tuesday.

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Vaughan. City wants street names that any Tom, Dick or Harry can understand

How would you like to live on Desideriu Drive, Urierik Street, Nave Road or Strombo Court?

The City of Vaughan thinks you shouldn't have to live on streets with unusual or hard-to-pronounce monikers and is taking steps to regulate how they are named.

Maple/Kleinburg councillor Marilyn Iafrate is spearheading the move because she said too many oddly named streets have been popping up in her ward where there is a lot of new development.

"They can be difficult to pronounce or spell, which is a concern, particularly in an emergency," Iafrate said.

Developers name streets in new neighbourhoods they are building. Developers also contribute naming rights as gifts to fundraisers, at which they are auctioned off.

People often like to name streets after relatives or friends. The proposed name Urierik is actually the name of a developer's two family members joined together: Uri and Erik.

"I don't even know how to say that," Iafrate said.

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New name of the game

New rules require that street names use conventional spellings, be easily pronounced and not exceed 10 characters.

- **Naming rights can be gifted for only one street per new subdivision.**
- **Names of living people can be proposed but only in "extraordinary cases."**

Four citizens needed

TTC seeks a few good directors

Help wanted: Cash-strapped city desperate for public transit improvements seeks visionaries and financial wizards; subway-building experience an asset.

The search is on for four qualified citizens to join the seven politicians on the Toronto Transit Commission. Anyone can apply, but the city hopes to attract experts with "finance, urban transit and urban visioning experience," said Coun. James Pasternak of the civic appointments committee.

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Xmas purchases on Xmas?

City wants input on holiday shopping

The City of Toronto wants to hear from residents who have opinions about rules that force most stores to shut on major holidays.

The holiday shopping subcommittee is holding five evening public-consultation sessions across the city starting next Monday.

Space is limited. Register by calling 416-392-8671 or emailing holidayshopping@toronto.ca. Those who prefer to give their two cents online can go to toronto.ca/holidayshopping.

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Reading the paper on the toilet 2.0

iPoo. App provides users with chatting options, a virtual graffiti wall — and its creators with some financial freedom

Amit Khanna shows off an image a user has drawn within his iPoo app. iPoo allows the 300,000 people who use the app to chat while doing their business and provides users with bowel-related statistics. RICK MADONIK/TORONTO STAR

Just call it plan No. 2.

Amit Khanna, a 30-year-old Markham native, used to be a high school teacher. Now, he manages the, uh, business end of a crass — and successful — app.

It's called iPoo and, yes, it's what you think: an app you use on the porcelain throne. It connects users with others conducting similar business, provides chatting opportunities, even offers up-to-the minute stool-related statistics, such as how many squares of toilet paper are being flushed.

"Imagine that you're on the can, and think about the things that you would maybe want to do," said Khanna, one of the app's three creators.

Apparently for some, that's more than just read a newspaper. Since it was created in 2009, the $1 app has been downloaded nearly 300,000 times.

Because it's sold through iTunes, Apple takes 30 per cent of the profits, but it leaves a sizable chunk of change for the three partners. One co-creator was able to pay his way through Harvard Business School, while Khanna has made real-estate investments.

"We were surprised but not totally shocked," Khanna said. The trio suspected they could make some money, since other joke apps — such as iPoo's equally unpleasant predecessor, iFart — have found financial success.

Among the most used features is the "virtual wall," where a profile is created for public toilets, such as the Tim Hortons bathroom near Yonge and Bloor. Users can leave virtual graffiti on the wall, just as in the real bathroom.

Also popular is a newsfeed function similar to Facebook's, where users can see comments and drawings made by others as they sit on the can.

"Some of the art on there is actually quite amazing," Khanna said.

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Don't poo-poo this idea:

The idea surfaced much as you'd think: Three bathroom-humour-loving guys were sitting around in someone's Markham home, trading "wouldn't it be funny" schemes.

- **When conversation turned to toilet activities, someone suggested an app to pass the time.**
- **Khanna's co-creators, both developers, got to work and began sharing the app with friends. As soon as they made it available, they knew it would become larger than an inside joke.**

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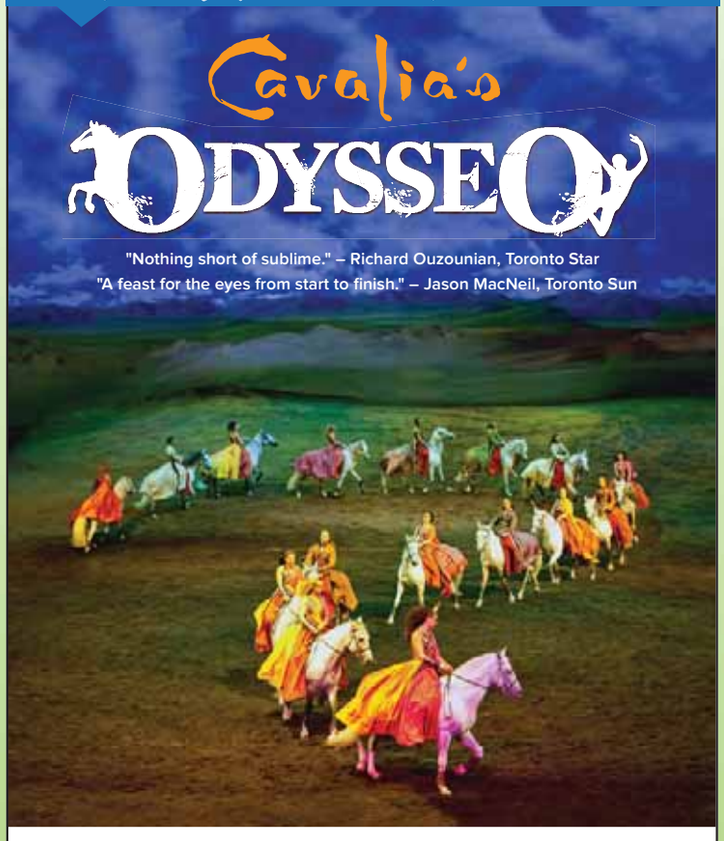
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Lack of service 'scandalous'

Ornge. Tory MPP calls for day-long hearing of testimony from frustrated staff of air ambulance service

Ornge air ambulance helicopters at the Toronto Island airport have been out of commission for nearly 320 hours from February to mid-April, documents obtained by the Progressive Conservatives show.

The aircraft out of service reports do not indicate what the reasons are for the downtime but PC MPP Frank Klees said on Tuesday it is "scandalous" these helicopters continue to be grounded and can't respond to emergencies.

But the Toronto base has four aircraft on it at any given time and only two are in service, said Ornge spokesperson Jennifer Tracey when asked about the report. And sometimes, aircraft from other bases could come to Toronto for maintenance.

An Ornge helicopter.
RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Health Minister Deb Matthews defended Ornge, saying it is increasing its staff levels and improving service since the government has imposed changes. Ornge has 10 more paramedics working now than a year ago, she said.

"We have 69 helicopter pilots; we've recently hired five more, bringing the total to 74 in July … This is good news. This is movement in the right direction. I know it's not good news for the member opposite, but it sure is good news for the people of Ontario," Matthews said.

Some Ornge staff are frustrated because they say nothing is getting better at the agency since the board was replaced and senior management fired, said Klees.

Those changes occurred after a series of Toronto Star investigations into questionable contracts, odd real estate deals and the creation of a web of for-profit companies. An all-party probe looking into Ornge continues on Wednesday.

Klees wants to dedicate a full day of legislative hearings to listening to testimony from frontline Ornge staff — free of reprisals from management, he said.

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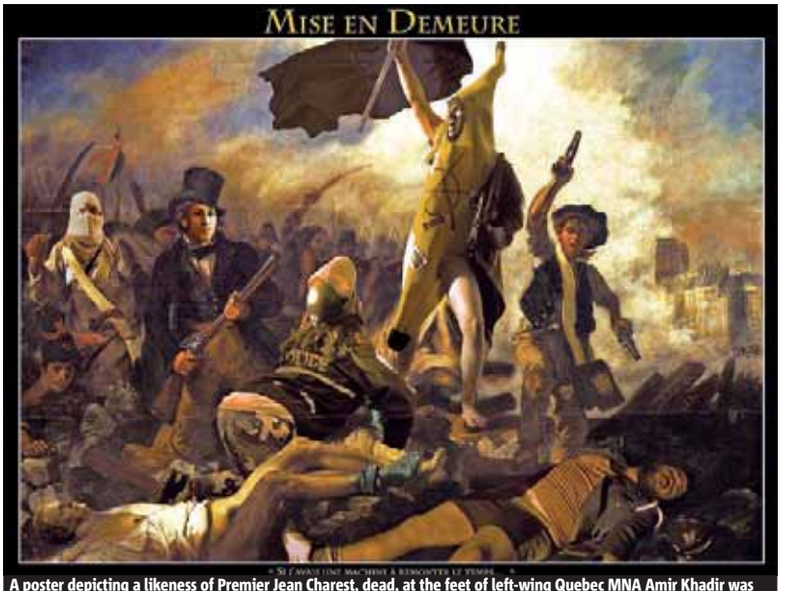

A poster depicting a likeness of Premier Jean Charest, dead, at the feet of left-wing Quebec MNA Amir Khadir was found by police investigators who entered the politician's home. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parody art sparks debate

An artistic parody was drawing sharply different responses in Quebec, with reactions Tuesday ranging from amusement to disgust over a depiction of a dead Premier Jean Charest.

Police found that likeness of Charest on a printed leaflet in the home of rival politician Amir Khadir, a prominent Quebec MNA. In it, the premier's body is laid out at Khadir's feet.

It's a parody of an 1830 painting by Eugene Delacroix, Liberty Guiding the People, which depicted a scene from the French Revolution.

The altered painting is a promotional item from a local rock band. The parody version puts Khadir in the role of a gun-toting revolutionary. It also shows a police officer on his knees, crouching before a man dressed in a banana suit — the band's singer, known as "Bananarchist."

Khadir, the sole elected member of the tiny Quebec solidaire party, says it's a parody.

He appeared more upset over a front-page headline about the poster Tuesday, in the same newspaper. The headline said, "Khadir Armed, Charest Dead." Khadir suggested he might sue the paper.

"As far as I know Jean Charest is very much alive and I hope he stays that way for a long time," Khadir told parliamentary reporters in Quebec City, noting that his party is staunchly pacifist and has never preached violence.

"All I want for Jean Charest is to lose his elections."

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Quebec. Students head to court to fight harsh law covering protests

Lawyers were heading to court Tuesday to challenge a controversial Quebec law brought in to deal with student protests.

The government introduced the law as a way to cool down the heated protests.

But it may have backfired politically, as protests have grown larger, attracted more diverse crowds, and spread to different cities.

Nearly 20 lawyers representing student federations and other groups are trying to get parts of the law temporarily suspended until they can argue the merits.

Bill 78 came into force in mid-May, but police across the province have rarely applied it.

The legal motion being heard in court is one of two challenging the emergency law. The second is to have Bill 78 declared invalid altogether and it will be heard at a later date.

The law lays out rules for demonstrations, such as ordering assemblies of more than 50 people to give eight hours notice of the protest route and the estimated duration of the event.

It also sets hefty fines for people who contravene the law.

A lawyer arguing on behalf of students Tuesday said the government treats student associations like labour unions without giving them the same rights.

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Backlash

So-called Nazi salutes at some Quebec student protests are being condemned by Jewish organizations.

- **Hate.** Chanting protesters have called police "the SS," calling them fascists and comparing them to Nazi police because of their alleged brutality.
- **Outrage.** B'nai Brith Canada says the Nazi salutes defile the memory of those who died in the Holocaust, those who survived and those who fought against the Nazis in the Second World War.

Sadness for a giant of the ocean

A beach in British Columbia is the final resting place for this young humpback whale and a crowd pays its last respects — even with a bouquet of flowers. The whale became entangled in a fishing net and died after grounding itself during low tide on White Rock beach, south of Vancouver. Fisheries official Paul Cottrell said of the emaciated eight-to-10-metre-long juvenile: "It had been struggling for a long time and likely hadn't been eating for a long time." DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prostitution

Age hinders hunt for accused: Cops

Ottawa police are hampered in their search for a 17-year-old girl who allegedly trafficked other girls into prostitution because she's underage, the lead investigator said Tuesday. METRO IN OTTAWA

Strange headlines

Calgary group fears zombies

A Calgary group is preparing for a zombie apocalypse — when corpses come alive. Training includes archery and was sparked by strange events such as a man chewing off most of another's face. METRO IN CALGARY

Marathon session

MPs' new policy: No zzz's, please

MPs are preparing for 24 hours of voting on 800 proposed amendments to the Tories' Bill C-38. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cops clear mom in old dingo case

Mystery. It took four inquests, 32 years to clear mother accused of killing her own baby

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton in 1982. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Australians have overwhelmingly welcomed the final chapter of a mystery that has captivated the country for 32 years: Did a dingo really take a baby that vanished from an Outback campsite in 1980?

A country that was once bitterly divided on whether baby Azaria Chamberlain had been dragged away by a wild dog or murdered by her mother now largely agrees that the parents deserve the vindication a coroner's court provided Tuesday.

A day after Azaria Chamberlain would have turned 32, a coroner found that a dingo had taken her as a nine-week-old baby from a tent near Ayers Rock, the red monolith now known as Uluru.

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton and her ex-husband, Michael Chamberlain, teared up as the findings of the fourth inquest into their daughter's disappearance were broadcast from a courtroom in Darwin to televisions around Australia.

The first inquest in 1981 had blamed a dingo but a second inquest charged Chamberlain-Creighton with murder. A third inquest in 1995 left the cause of death open. The case became famous through the movie A Cry in the Dark.

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Miner grievances ablaze in Spain

An undercover miner is seen next to burning tires on a motorway in Campomanes, Spain, on Tuesday. Strikes, road blockades and mine sit-ins continued as 8,000 workers at over 40 coal mines in Spain protested against government action to cut coal subsidies. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Falkland Islands. Referendum will decide contentious governance issue

The Falkland Islands said Tuesday it plans a referendum next year on the political future of the tiny south Atlantic archipelago, seeking to end Argentina's claims of sovereignty and to secure its status as a British territory. The announcement came ahead of Thursday's 30th anniversary of the end of a brief 1982 war between Britain and Argentina over the islands, which saw more than 900 people die.

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Survival

Face-chewing victim doing OK

A homeless man whose face was mostly chewed off in an attack is alert at a Miami hospital. The top two-thirds of his face is covered in scabs, he's missing his nose, and both eye sockets are covered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trayvon trial

Zimmerman's wife accused of perjury

Authorities say the wife of Trayvon Martin's shooter is being accused of lying to a judge about their finances during a bond hearing and faces one count of perjury.

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Messing around

Yacht explosion a costly hoax

Two hoax calls reporting an explosion on a yacht off New Jersey triggered a rescue effort that cost at least $88,000 US and lasted more than four hours. The matter is now being investigated.

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Muslims fleeing Myanmar violence blocked

Buddhist-Muslim violence. Foreign minister says Bangladeshi resources already strained; 1,500 refugees stopped

Bangladesh on Tuesday turned away three boats carrying 1,000 Rohingya Muslims fleeing violence in neighbouring Myanmar.

This brings to 1,500 the number of refugees blocked in recent days, officials said.

"They have been chased away," police official Jahangir Alam said by phone from Saint Martins Island in the Bay of Bengal after the three boats attempted to approach the shore of the island.

"We are keeping our eyes open so that nobody can enter Bangladesh illegally."

Violence between Buddhists and minority Muslims in western Myanmar has left at least 12 people dead and hundreds of homes burned since Friday.

Bangladesh earlier said it sent back 11 boats with about 500 Rohingya Muslims aboard in the past three days.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said at a news conference in the capital, Dhaka, that it was not in Bangladesh's interest to accept any refugees.

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'Chased away'

"We are keeping our eyes open so that nobody can enter Bangladesh illegally."
Police official Jahangir Alam

A Rohingya Muslim family who fled Myanmar to Bangladesh to escape violence waits in Bangladesh on Tuesday. ANURUP TITU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria. Loyalists block UN observers heading to rebel-held town

Angry crowds blocked UN observers from reaching an embattled rebel-held town in Syria on Tuesday, hurling stones and metal rods at the monitors' vehicles.

Their vehicles came under fire as they drove away from Haffa, but the source of the gunfire was not clear, the UN said.

None of the observers were injured.

The situation in Haffa has raised alarm over the past eight days, and there are concerns civilians are stuck in the area while the regime and rebel fighters battle for control.

Washington said Monday that regime forces may be preparing a massacre in rebel-held Haffa — a village about 30 km from Assad's hometown of Kardaha.

It's not clear why the crowd wanted to prevent the observers from entering, but the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said earlier that residents of a nearby village were trying to block the observers.

The Observatory said the residents were mostly regime loyalists.

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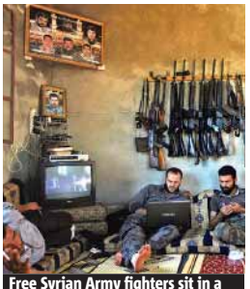

Free Syrian Army fighters sit in a house in Aleppo, Syria, Tuesday
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Civil war near, some say

Both sides in the 15-month-old revolt to oust President Bashar Assad have ignored an internationally brokered ceasefire that was to go into effect in April.

- Syria is veering closer to an all-out civil war as the conflict turns increasingly militarized.

Egypt

Liberals boycott parliamentary session

Egypt's march to democracy hit another obstacle Tuesday when liberals boycotted a parliamentary session called to name members of a panel to draw up a new constitution.

They complained that Islamists are trying to dominate the process.

A new constitution is key to Egypt's turbulent transition to democratic rule after decades of authoritarian regimes. Egyptians hope the charter will curtail presidential power.

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Afghanistan

Karzai orders coalition not to fire on homes

Afghan President Hamid Karzai declared on Tuesday that NATO aircraft can no longer fire on homes under any circumstances.

His statement is an indication that the conflict over NATO airstrikes that kill civilians — including one that left 18 dead last week — remains unresolved.

Following an outcry over the attack in Logar province, which killed children, teenagers and adults, NATO imposed new limits on airstrikes.

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An animal control officer runs beside a tranquilized moose in Brandon, Man., on June 6. TIM SMITH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moose entering Prairie cities

Roaming young. Police and conservation officials having to tranquilize those found loose in urban areas

In the opening credits of the TV show Northern Exposure, a moose wanders through the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska, without much fuss.

But it's been a different scene in some Prairie cities where moose have recently taken strolls for real.

Saskatoon police officers and conservation officials had to tranquilize and move two bull moose who were enjoying the vegetation in a green space on Saturday.

That came after three moose sightings May 27, including one near the Saskatoon Marathon route.

Earlier this month, a young bull moose wandered onto a runway at Regina International Airport, causing at least one flight to be delayed. It was one of a handful of moose spotted in Regina over the past few weeks.

Warning

"You've got to be careful. They're not used to being pushed around."

Darrell Crabbe, executive director of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

In Edmonton, four young moose were tranquilized in the city's west end on May 29. Two moose were spotted walking around a playground at a school in Brandon, Man., on June 6.

Wildlife biologist Rob Tether, said typically six to 10 moose wander into Regina or Saskatoon each year.

It's yearling moose, the young ones, that are roaming into the cities.

Tether said the animals have been with their mother through the winter and then she kicks them out to fend for themselves. They disperse looking for their own home range. River systems wind through both Saskatoon and Regina.

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Stuntman fundraising for Niagara walk

Unforeseen expenses. Historic tightrope walk over famous falls will cost over $1 million

Walking a high wire over Niagara Falls isn't only a dicey proposition, it turns out it's pretty pricey, too.

Daredevil Nik Wallenda estimates his history-making, U.S.-to-Canada walk by way of a cable strung over the brink will cost about $1.2 to $1.3 million. That includes fabrication and installation of the custom-made steel wire, permits and security, travel, and marketing.

A deal with ABC to televise the event live during prime time Friday will offset some of his expenses, 33-year-old Wallenda said. "But definitely not anywhere near all of it."

And the tab seems to grow by the day. "The hard part is prices have changed and gone up. There are things that can come up that are just completely unforeseen," Wallenda said by phone from Branson, Mo., where he was juggling walk preparations with production of a stage show with his high-flying family. Wallenda, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., is a seventh-generation member of the Flying Wallendas.

There hasn't been much time to line up sponsors — the walk date was settled only about six weeks ago — so Wallenda is asking the public for donations.

Online donations

$15,300

The video on the fundraising website Indiegogo had by mid-day Tuesday raised over $15,300 toward a $50,000 goal.

Wallenda plans to walk about 550 metres across the falls at 60 metres above the gorge bottom. If successful, he will be the first to cross over the brink of the famous falls. Others have crossed over the gorge downstream but not for more than 100 years.

"We need stuff like this," Wallenda says on a video on the fundraising website Indiegogo. "We need things to encourage people that the impossible is actually possible."

Wallenda has agreed to pay Canadian authorities $105,000 for things like extra security, crowd control, fencing and portable toilets for the estimated 100,000 spectators. He also must supply a $50,000 letter of credit, which would be used only in the event of a water rescue, said Niagara Parks Commission Chairwoman Janice Thomson. Such a rescue is more unlikely now that ABC is requiring Wallenda to be tethered to the wire.

To U.S. authorities, Wallenda paid a $5,000 permit fee and will reimburse New York state $150,000 for state police and transportation services. He also was asked for a $25,000 deposit to ensure he restores the park to its original condition.

For $5, donors get a picture from the walk, for $10, an autographed poster. As of mid-day Tuesday, one person had pledged $5,000 for access to a VIP viewing area and dinner with Wallenda. There were no takers for a private backyard wirewalking lesson, dinner and VIP viewing, for $10,000.

Nik Wallenda performing a walk on a tightrope to train for his walk over Niagara Falls. DAVID DUPREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Three-year-old gets new skin in rare surgery

Barbecue accident. Skin cloned using mouse cells as a scaffold, which is an unusual procedure in Africa

Isabella Kruger is taken to a theatre by Dr. Hizir Mukaddam, left, and her mother Anice Kruger, for a unique skin transplant operation at Garden City Hospital in Johannesburg on Monday. ANTOINE DE RAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A three-year-old South African girl who suffered severe burns over 80 per cent of her body after an accident at a family barbecue has successfully undergone a rare surgery in Africa that gave her a new layer of cloned skin, her surgeon said Tuesday.

"Everything went quite smoothly," said Dr. Ridwan Mia, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon who performed the surgery Monday in a Johannesburg hospital. "She is sedated at the moment but she did well overnight."

Isabella Kruger was injured on New Year's Eve when a container of fire-lighting fluid exploded.

Mia and his team used enough cloned skin during the surgery to cover a placemat and stapled it in pieces onto Isabella's wounds. On her face, doctors used absorbent stitch material instead of staples. The new skin had been created by cloning two samples of skin taken from one of the few parts of Isabella's body to escape injury thanks to a diaper she was wearing at the time of the accident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ksenia Sobchak exits a car at Russia's top investigation agency, where she was questioned Tuesday. MIKHAIL METZEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Star's secret stash of cash

Some piggybank!
Russian investigators confiscate $1.7 million glamorous TV host hid in envelopes

A glamorous TV host who's called the Paris Hilton of Russia is paying an expensive price for becoming a face of the anti-Putin protest.

When investigators raided Ksenia Sobchak's Moscow apartment, they confiscated $1.7 million she'd stashed in more than 100 envelopes.

Vladimir Markin, a spokesperson for the investigators, said they found more than 1 million euros ($1.25 million) and $480,000 in cash during Monday's raid — one of several on protest leaders' homes.

Markin said they will try to determine if Sobchak paid taxes on the money, and also look into what she planned to do with it.

Sobchak insists she has done nothing wrong and was keeping her savings at home because she doesn't trust banks. She said on Twitter that her annual income exceeds $2 million.

While it's not uncommon for wealthy Russians to keep large amounts of cash at home, authorities are likely to use her wealth to illustrate their depiction of the opposition as a bunch of spoiled rich kids at odds with the majority of Russia's population.

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Ksenia sounds off

"I never thought that we would slide back into such repressions."

Ksenia Sobchak,
complaining about the raid on Twitter

Ignored veil ban. France bars three Saudi women

A police union says three Saudi women who refused to remove their face veils at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport have been barred entry to France.

A 2011 French law bans people from wearing Islamic face-covering veils anywhere in public.

An official with the SGP-FO police union said Tuesday that border police asked the women to remove their veils after they arrived on Monday on a flight from Doha, Qatar.

Principles

Supporters of the veil ban say the veil contradicts France's principles of secularism and women's rights. Some Muslim groups say it stigmatizes moderate Muslims.

The official says the women refused, border police refused them entry in France, and they returned to Doha Monday night.

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Approval imminent

Windsor-Detroit bridge OK'd?

Canada's manufacturers and export lobby group says a deal has been reached with Michigan to build a second bridge between Windsor and Detroit.

No official confirmation has been given, but the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters group says the federal cabinet is expected to give approval later this week.

Other reports say a joint announcement could be made as early as the end of the week. About one-quarter of all Canada-U.S. trade currently flows across the Ambassador Bridge. But the structure is close to a 100-years-old and bottlenecks are not uncommon.

CME policy head Mathew Wilson says a new crossing is critical to Canada's economic competitiveness and job growth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Employment

Teens' chance for summer jobs fading: Stats

Fewer than three in 10 American teenagers now hold jobs such as running cash registers, mowing lawns or busing restaurant tables from June to August.

The decline has been particularly sharp since 2000, with employment for teens aged 16-19 falling to the lowest level since World War II.

And teen employment may never return to pre-recession levels, suggests a projection by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The drop in teen employment, steeper than for other age groups, is partly a cultural shift. More youths are spending summer months in school, at music or learning camps or in other activities geared for college. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defence rests at insider trading trial

Rajat Gupta, centre, and members of his legal team arrive at court in New York, Tuesday. Gupta is pleading not guilty to charges he passed secrets he learned from Goldman's board in fall 2008 to a billionaire hedge fund founder who used the information to make millions of dollars. Before resting their case Tuesday, lawyers for Gupta called his daughter to the witness stand to vouch for his character. They used other testimonies and evidence to try to persuade jurors that his business dealings were legitimate. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Large industries get break on hydro

Energy. Province of Ontario hopes lower electricity rates will draw big business and create jobs

Large industries looking to expand or set up shop in Ontario will be able to qualify for lower electricity prices starting next year, Energy Minister Chris Bentley announced Tuesday.

Eligible companies could qualify for a reduced electricity rate if they create new jobs and bring new investment to Ontario.

"The connection between jobs and the incentive is at the heart of this program," Bentley told reporters.

"They have to create extra jobs and the incentive only lasts as long as the extra jobs last."

It's not a new industrial hydro rate for all companies that the opposition parties have been asking for to stop firms from leaving for neighbouring jurisdictions with lower electricity prices.

Instead, companies that make a minimum investment of $250 million will be eligible for long-term contracts at the wholesale market price, a reduction of about 30 per cent from current rates.

However, the opposition parties called the program a "band-aid" that fails to address the Liberals' failures on the energy file, although the Tories blame wind power while the NDP blame costly nuclear energy.

The new program for large industrial expansions won't offset the huge costs of building new nuclear and gas-fired power plants, warned the NDP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Opposition

"What it really is, is an indictment of the minister's own energy plan."
Vic Fedeli, Progressive Conservative energy critic

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Honda

2012 Civics being recalled in Canada

Honda Canada is voluntarily recalling approximately 12,587 of its popular 2012 Civics in Canada.

The carmaker wants to inspect and, if necessary, replace the left driveshaft, which may not have been properly pressed into the CV joint during assembly. If the driveshaft separates from the joint, the engine will no longer propel the vehicle.

No accidents have been reported related to the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombardier shares surge on massive business-jet order

Major deal. NetJets Inc., a Warren Buffett company, signed the deal to buy up to 275 Bombardier Challengers — worth up to $7.3 billion US

Bombardier Inc. shares soared in heavy trading Tuesday following a major deal with one of renowned billionaire investor Warren Buffett's companies, which is poised to buy up to $9.6 billion worth of business jets and services.

Private jet company NetJets Inc. signed a deal Monday to buy up to 275 Bombardier Challenger business jets that could be worth up to $7.3 billion US. There are 100 firm orders and options on 175 more.

Bombardier said it has also signed a 15-year service and maintenance agreement for the aircraft valued at as much as an additional $2.3 billion if all options are exercised.

Bombardier shares gained more than six per cent, or 22 cents, to close at $3.87 on heavy volume of more than 21.2-million shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"This purchase demonstrates our long-term planning and represents our ongoing commitment to providing unparalleled safety and service in aircraft uniquely customized for our owners," NetJets chairman and CEO Jordan Hansell said in a statement.

"We are confident that NetJets' market leadership and strong foundation position us to make long-term investments in our business to differentiate our fleet in ways that no one else in the industry can."

NetJets is a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Buffett's main company.

The deal includes 75 firm orders and 125 options for the Challenger 300 Series aircraft as well as 25 firm orders and 50 options for the larger Challenger 605 Series aircraft. The firm orders are worth $2.6 billion based on 2012 list prices.

The order follows a deal earlier this year that saw NetJets order up to 120 of Bombardier's Global business jets in a deal worth as much as $6.7 billion US.

Deliveries are already expected to increase this year and in 2013. The first Challenger 300 will be delivered in 2014 while the first larger Challenger 605 will be delivered in 2015.

Analysts said the order is positive for Bombardier, whose shares have been under pressure over the past year, falling from a peak of $7.16.

"The market has been aware that Bombardier was a contender for the NetJets mid-size jet order, but the magnitude of the order is likely much larger than market expectations," said Cameron Doerksen of National Bank Financial.

Doerksen said Bombardier undoubtedly offered volume discounts but standardized systems and interiors will lead to lower production costs and consequently margins that are in line with smaller orders.

Chris Murray of PI Financial Corp. said the fractional ownership segment and the NetJets order are strong indicators of the positive long-term demand outlook for business aircraft and Bombardier's positioning as industry leader.

"The long-term services and support agreement is a significant win both strategically and financially.

"Typically service activities offer higher margins than manufacturing and has been an area the company has been actively seeking to expand," he wrote in a research note. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Higher expectations

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Cameron Doerksen of National Bank Financial

Airlines battle with ticketing firms over new booking systems

A passenger uses a self-check-in kiosk in Atlanta. Extra legroom, special meals, access to the VIP lounge — and tickets to a musical? Airlines want to raise new revenues by selling such extras alongside tickets and are locked in battle with three companies that dominate the bookings industry over the introduction of a new global reservation system. Carriers complain the current system is a costly 1970s throwback without Internet-era convenience. They want to cut out the global ticket-booking systems — Sabre Holdings, Travelport Ltd. and Amadeus IT Group — that some reject as obsolete middlemen who add costs. Bookings companies retort that they have invested to upgrade services and are working hard to meet carriers' needs. The battle highlights how crucial fees from add-ons are to a struggling industry that is being squeezed by high fuel costs and a global economic slowdown. Airline profits are forecast at $3 billion this year, a wafer thin margin of just 0.5 per cent on projected revenues of $631 billion, according to the International Air Transport Association.

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Bids for new Internet suffixes include .lol, .doctor

Alex Stamos, CTO of Artemis Internet, an NCC Group Company, poses by a domain name poster at their offices in San Francisco. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beyond.com. Some 2,000 proposals have been submitted as part of the largest expansion of the Internet address system since 1980

If Google has its way, people won't need "Google.com" to do searches. They can simply go to ".Google."

New York City wants Internet addresses ending in ".nyc," while several companies and groups are looking to create ".doctor," ".music" and ".bank." Google Inc. is also seeking ".YouTube" and ".lol" – the digital shorthand for "laugh out loud." Others are looking to attract non-English speakers with suffixes in a variety of languages.

These suffixes would rival ".com" and about 300 others now in use. Companies would be able to create separate websites and separate addresses for each of their products and brands, for instance, even as they keep their existing ".com" name.

The organization behind the expansion, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, will announce a full list and other details in London on Wednesday.

One day, you might go to "comedy.YouTube" rather than "YouTube.com/comedy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

.what?

The suffixes are restricted to the richest companies and groups, who paid $185,000 US per proposal. If approved, each suffix would cost at least $25,000 a year to maintain, with a 10-year commitment required. By comparison, a personal address with a common suffix such as ".com" usually costs less than $10 a year.

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Trans-Pacific agreement. U.S. chamber backs Canada

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports Canada's entry into Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations for a free-trade agreement with lucrative Asian markets, the powerful business lobby said Tuesday.

Thomas Donohue says the business group strongly favours Canada's participation, adding that the United States and Canada could help boost the world economy and promote global stability.

The U.S. and eight other countries — Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei — are currently hammering out a free-trade agreement.

Canada, Japan and Mexico have spent months attempting to convince the White House to grant them admission to the talks. Donohue praised Canadian policy decisions especially in promoting domestic energy development. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"The U.S. should develop every drop of energy of any type that we can."

Thomas Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Media

Times-Picayune cutting 200 staff

The Times-Picayune in New Orleans is laying off 200 employees as one of the nation's oldest daily newspapers prepares to print just three days a week.

The layoffs amount to about half of the newsroom's 169 employees. Advertising, circulation and other departments also were affected at the 175-year-old newspaper.

About 400 employees at three major Alabama daily newspapers are also losing their jobs as parent company Advance Publications shifts its focus to more online news. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Burger King. They've done it — a bacon sundae

Burger King wants to lure customers in the U.S. this summer with a barbecue party — and a bacon sundae.

The world's second-biggest hamburger chain is launching several pork, beef and chicken sandwiches on Thursday as limited-time offers.

And for a sweet ending, the company is also offering a bacon sundae — soft vanilla ice cream served with fudge, caramel, bacon crumbles and a piece of bacon — that started in Nashville earlier this year. The salty-sweet dessert clocks in at 510 calories, 18 grams of fat and 61 grams of sugar.

Burger King's bacon sundae.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BURGER KING

The limited-time items are Burger King's latest push to win back customers with a revived menu and reverse sliding market share, an effort that started soon after the company was taken private by the private equity firm 3G Capital in late 2010.

Earlier this year, Burger King launched its biggest-ever menu expansion including fruit smoothies, snack wraps and new salads.

The items were intended to go after a broader audience of moms and families, a shift from the chain's previous strategy of courting young men with calorie bombs.

Core menu items, such as French fries and the Whopper, have also been tweaked as part of the company's efforts to improve food quality. Burger King is trying to underscore its own focus on ingredients with a new tag line, "Taste Is King," which replaces "Have It Your Way."

A new ad has been celebrating summer barbecues to highlight the chain's emphasis on fire-grilling burgers. The new summer items will be featured in ads starting Thursday.

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Energy. U.S. coal losing steam to natural gas

Coal — the fuel that powered the U.S. from the industrial revolution into the iPhone era — is being pushed aside as utilities switch to cleaner and cheaper alternatives.

The share of U.S. electricity that comes from coal is forecast to fall below 40 per cent for the year — the lowest level since the government began collecting this data in 1949. Four years ago, it was 50 per cent. By the end of this decade, it is likely to be near 30 per cent.

Utilities are aggressively ditching coal in favour of natural gas, which has become cheaper as supplies grow. Natural gas has other advantages over coal: It produces far fewer emissions of toxic chemicals and gases that contribute to climate change, key attributes as tougher environmental rules go into effect.

The shift from coal is reverberating across Appalachia, where mining companies are laying off workers and cutting production. Utilities across the country are grappling with how to store growing piles of unused coal.

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When Maria Sharapova won the French Open on Saturday, it was another victory for the Beautiful People.

Sharapova, all six-foot-two of her, is gorgeous. But then, so are a lot of tennis players these days. Somewhere along the line, right at Anna Kournikova, perhaps, it became important for female tennis players to be beautiful as well as talented.

Partial list: Daniela Hantuchova, Sabine Lisicki, Vera Zvonareva, Lucie Safarova, Maria Kirilenko, Simona Halep, Tatiana Golovin, as well as the aforementioned Kournikova and Sharapova. Apparently, it doesn't hurt if you're eastern European either.

One honest BBC producer has admitted that "babes and Brits" get the centre-court treatment at Wimbledon while less attractive players have to grunt it out on the outer courts.

But that's the way of the world. If you're gorgeous, you're golden.

Daniel Hamermesh, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin and author of Beauty Pays, estimates that, in a lifetime, a bad-looking person can earn $230,000 less than a good-looking person, all other things being equal.

The truth about looking good is out there.

In the job market: Attractive people get more job recommendations, are considered more qualified, more likely to succeed, more likely to be hired, paid more, promoted more and less likely to be fired.

In the courts: Juries think physically attractive people are less likely to be guilty. Attractive people get lower bail, lighter sentences and smaller fines. Except maybe not Luka Magnotta. But imagine how much trouble he'd be in if he was really ugly?

In school: Attractive people get better grades.

On Facebook: Attractive people are more "friended" than ugly people.

Sex: Attractive people get more dates, have more sex and even have more orgasms.

OK, too much information, perhaps. Good thing I'm attractive.

Did I mention that generally, men tend to overestimate their good looks? Women go the opposite way. More than eight out of 10 hate the way they look in a mirror. One study showed women see themselves as fatter after eating a single chocolate bar. It would have to be a 35,000-calorie chocolate bar for that to be true.

Hamermesh (whose wife thinks he looks average) finds that 70 per cent of people agree on what's attractive most of the time. It has to do with symmetry. The more symmetrical you look, the more attractive you are. Jug ears are out.

So that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" stuff is fine … just as long as you're beautiful.

Have a nice day, and if possible, stay away from mirrors. They're bad luck, in more ways than one.

Maria Sharapova holds up the ~~award for most beautiful person~~ Coupe Suzanne Lenglen after the women's singles final of the French Open on June 9. GETTY IMAGES

Smuggling attempt foiled

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Bengal tiger trafficking

Three cubs rescued in house raid

A caretaker bottle-feeds a rescued Bengal tiger cub in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. Bangladeshi officials rescued three Bengal tiger cubs Monday from an alleged wildlife smuggler's house in the capital.

The cubs, about two months old, had been captured in the southwestern Sundarbans mangrove forests in Bangladesh.

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Rescued Bengal tiger cubs are pictured after a house raid in Bangladesh's capital. The AFP reported the house was allegedly a hub for illegal wildlife trade, indicated by several empty cages. GETTY IMAGES

Endangered

- The suspected smuggler in possession of the cubs at the time of the raid was arrested, the BBC reported.
- The cubs have been handed over to a private zoo until their fate is decided by a government committee.
- There are 440 Bengal tigers in Bangladesh and less than 2,500 worldwide, according to wildlife-conservation organization IUCN.

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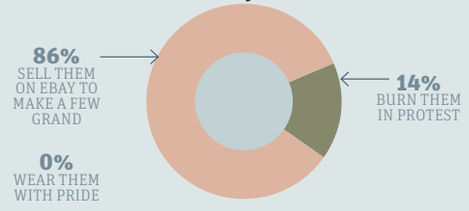
If you had a pair of Kanye West's Yeezy 2 sneakers, what would you do with them?



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@chrismck042: Last Friday, I emailed #pmharper to let him know I do not support Bill #C30. Today, I got a reply. #cdnpoli #wow #thatwasfast

@LaurenClift2: huge thunderstorm <3 SOOOOOO excited its ridiculous

@HMultanii: too much pride to say sorry.

@marnie_idol: What a day to be half-Czech and born in Los Angeles! #woooo @lakings #Euro2012

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Alec Baldwin, left, and Tom Cruise star in Rock of Ages, a rock 'n' roll musical that, like many other Hollywood films based on popular music, has some historically accurate features. HANDOUT

Cruise stars as art imitates life (again) in Rock of Ages

Fantasy reflects reality. Like other films in the genre, this Shankman effort draws heavily on how rock stars live their lives

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In Rock of Ages Tom Cruise plays superstar Stacee Jaxx. He's Ozzy Osbourne with Axl Rose's attitude and Prince's trademarked revealing chaps, a spicy stew of rebellion, decadence and Jack Daniels.

The first time we see Jaxx in the film he's on a round bed, buried under several scantily clad women. It's a memorable first look at the character, but it's not exactly an original one.

Director Adam Shankman admits that the idea came from a similar scene — featuring KISS singer Paul Stanley — in the heavy metal documentary The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years.

It's not the first time a music movie has taken its cue from real rock life.

For a year before shooting playing Jim Morrison in The Doors Val Kilmer immersed himself in the singer's life, wearing his clothes and spending time at the Lizard King's favorite Sunset Strip bars.

Despite the film's many factual errors — drummer John Densmore claims "A third of it is fiction" — the recording studio scene where Jim smashes a TV is true, and even Jim's disgruntled ex-band mates said they couldn't distinguish Kilmer's voice from the real Morrison's.

The Doors weren't the only musicians fooled by an actor.

Joan Jett was annoyed that Kristen Stewart wore leather pants when playing her in The Runaways — it would have been more authentic if she had worn jeans she said — but she was impressed with Stewart's voice. When she first heard a recording of the actress belting out one of her songs she thought it was actually a tape of her old band.

Sex Pistols' singer Johnny Rotten dismissed Sid and Nancy — the story of Sid Vicious's life and death — as "mere fantasy" but Gary Oldham bought at least one authentic bit of Sid to the film by wearing the bass player's real chain necklace in several scenes. Sid's mom gave the actor the necklace to wear during filming.

Just as Shankman and Cruise borrowed from The Decline of Western Civilization, the Bob Dylan doc Don't Look Back has inspired scenes in movies such as Bob Roberts and I'm Not There.

The mockumentary Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story parodies the movie in a press conference scene when a reporter compares Dewey to Dylan. "Why doesn't anyone ask Bob Dylan why he sounds so much like Dewey Cox?" Dewey replies, echoing Dylan's response to a reporter who likened Dylan to singer-songwriter Donovan.

Big-time show

Some facts about the Rock of Ages movie:

- **Decisions.** Will Ferrell and Steve Carrell were considered for Alec Baldwin's role; and Taylor Swift was considered for Julianne Hough's.
- **Location.** The film was shot in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- **Big budget.** It cost more than $70 million to make.

Crime pays for Boardwalk Empire's Winter

In the know. A lifelong interest in, and a close-up view of, crime allows former Sopranos writer to be incredibly accurate

Terence Winter has always had criminal leanings but fortunately the creator of the critically acclaimed Boardwalk Empire channelled his lifelong obsession into something good.

Boardwalk Empire is a period drama starring Steve Buscemi, focusing on Enoch "Nucky" Thompson, a political figure who rose to prominence and controlled Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the Prohibition period of the 1920s and 1930s.

It has been renewed for a third season.

The inspiration that has driven him to spend much of his career writing about criminals — he was also a major writer on The Sopranos — came from an unexpected place.

"I'm always interested in criminals and crime. People ask me how this started and aside from growing up in Brooklyn in an area that kind of has a long history in mob type behaviour I could point it to the movie version of Oliver Twist," Winter said with a chuckle at the Banff World Media Festival. He is also listed as a writer and executive producer of the show.

"I remember I was a kid growing fascinated with pickpocketing — that was the subplot — Fagin and his pickpockets in that underground gang. A year later the Sting came out and it was all about con men and I became interested in that."

Winter, 51, also worked in a butcher shop that turned out to be owned by Paul Castellano. who was then the head of the powerful Gambino crime family.

"I got to rub elbows with guys not unlike the people who were in the Sopranos and just saw how they thought and how they talked and how they operated. It was just a world I was familiar with and was comfortable writing about." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Before Boardwalk Empire, Winter was a lead writer for The Sopranos.
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Quick changes

Grammy producer discusses Houston doc

Producers of the 54th Grammy Awards have created a documentary showing how they adapted to the news of Whitney Houston's death less than 24 hours before the live telecast.
A Death in the Family: The Show Must Go On premiered Monday at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' headquarters in Los Angeles.
Ken Ehrlich, who has produced the Grammy Awards for the past 32 years, introduced the film and participated in a panel discussion afterward with Recording Academy president Neil Portnow, Grammy host LL Cool J, musician Dave Grohl and others.
LL Cool J said addressing the Grammy audience after Houston's death was "the most challenging moment I've faced in my career."
The 25-minute film can be seen on Grammy.com and at the Grammy Museum.

On the web

ABC urges judge not to block The Glass House, cites differences from 'Big Brother,' except confinement

Don't call him 'R-Patz'

Robert Pattinson may be a good sport about a lot of things, but he is not a fan of his R-Patz nickname, to put it mildly.

"When I got (the role in Cosmopolis), every single article that came out was, 'R-Patz's struggle for credibility,'" Pattinson tells the Guardian.

"I don't understand who invented that thing, 'R-Patz'. I want to strangle them."

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Zac and Lily's romance 'fizzled'

After three months of dating, Zac Efron and Mirror Mirror star Lily Collins have called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They're no longer together. They were never serious, though; it was just a casual thing and it fizzled," a source says. "They were never in the same place at the same time."

Efron also didn't make much mention of Collins to his pals apparently. "Zac was never very serious about her. He didn't talk about her to friends," another source says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Adrian Grenier is in the doghouse

THE WORD
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Less than 24 hours before he was scheduled to host Monday night's Bideawee Gala in New York City, former Entourage star Adrian Grenier cancelled on the animal welfare charity. (While he declined to give an explanation to donors who paid up to $1,000 per ticket, suffice it to say we sincerely doubt it was a work commitment.)

Fortunately, Howard Stern's wife, Beth, stepped in — and naturally, Stern had something to say about it during his Tuesday morning broadcast.

"A lot of celebrities agree to do something for a charity, and at the last minute they cancel, leaving the charity stranded," he said.

"I do lose respect for people when they do this. They always have a great excuse. I don't know. Send out a tweet and say 'I'm so sorry.'"

Oh Adrian, we're dying to know: How does it feel to be out-classed by Howard Stern?

Adrian Grenier. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler

Stacy finally gets to hang at George's Lake Como pad

George Clooney kicked off his summer vacation early by taking girlfriend Stacy Keibler to his luxurious estate on Lake Como, Italy, according to Hollyscoop.

Surprisingly, it's the first time his girlfriend of 10 months has been to the infamous vacation home.

On the other hand, Clooney has taken Keibler on trips to Mexico five times since they've been together. The couple returned from a trip to Cabo San Lucas just last week.

Twitter

@CarrieFFisher
The only exercise I get is running around. I'm so lost, I think everything I think is profound. Our lows are so low that our upsides are down.

@Rosie
I was 20 months old when JFK was killed — I remember watching the funeral on tv — is that even possible?

@alecbaldwin
I need to have work done. Implants, tucks, sucks, resections. Lotta work.

@ConanOBrien
How many baby carrots offset five adult cupcakes?

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Ragtime

Summer theatre and the living is easy

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The people of New Rochelle in Ragtime. DAVID COOPER

Last week's announcement of the Dora Mavor Moore Awards, which celebrates the best in performing arts in Toronto, marks the epitaph of an exciting year in Toronto's theatre scene.

Kudos to Acting up Stage Company's production of civil rights-era musical: Caroline, or Change, which garnered 10 nominations. Other multiple award nominees include: Margaret Atwood's the Penelopiad as well as Crash, which was staged at Theatre Passe Muraille. Winners will be announced by the Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts during their annual year-end gala which takes place on June 25.

While Toronto's summer theatre scene grinds to a halt local theatre-goers can still be riveted by some of the local out of town, but still world class, offerings. Over the next few weeks we'll be reviewing some of the highlights from this year's Shaw and Shakespeare Festivals.

The showstopper, literally, at this year's Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake is their revival of the musical: Ragtime. Ragtime was one of the final products conceived by Toronto-based theatre powerhouse Livent and was based on the classic book by E.L. Doctorow.

Ragtime, celebrating the eponymous musical genre, is about how three very different American families lived at the start of the American century. The musical explores classic themes of Americana from the immigrant experience, race and the gilded age all set to memorable music.

As the titular-number goes: "Everyone, everywhere, Moving to the Ragtime!" You too can move with the Ragtime, which runs at the Shaw Festival until October 14. Check out shawfest.com for tickets.

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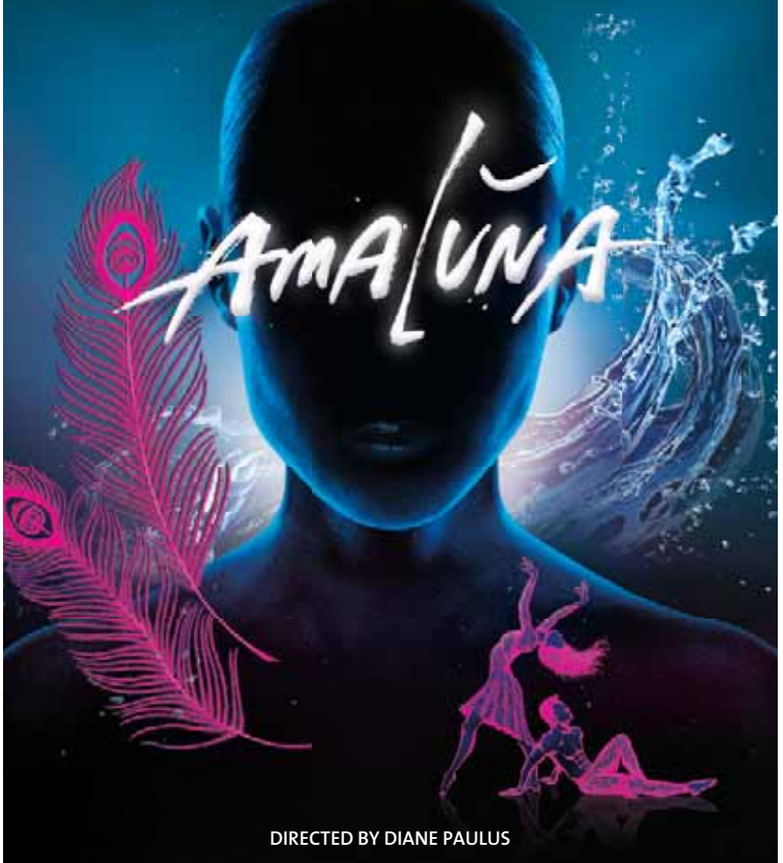

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5 top golf spots in Mexico

El Camaleón, Playa Del Carmen

The home course of Mexico's lone PGA Tour Event may not change colours as its reptilian namesake implies, but this breathtaking 18-hole thrill ride is quite the changeling. Play a round here and traverse through tropical jungles, mangrove forests and oceanfront stretches that sidle up against the Caribbean Sea. You can see Cozumel in the distance on the 7th and 15th. Not satisfied with your final scorecard tally? Polish off the rust at the onsite Jim McClean Golf School. Course Designer: Greg Norman Green Fee: $180 Vistors/ $125 Fairmont Mayakoba Guests.

Palmilla, Los Cabos

Opened in 1992, the Golden Bear's first Latin American Signature course is a 27-hole challenge comprising of tres nines, each offering various terrain: the Arroyo, Mountain, and Ocean which provides spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez and there is a 600-foot elevation change that unfolds from No. 1 to 6. Five sets of tee boxes will satisfy everyone; from sharpshooters who want to play from the tips to max out the 7,000+ yardage and high handicappers just looking for a round of hits and giggles on their vacation. Green Fees: $190 Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus

Vista Vallarta, Puerto Vallarta

A tale of two very different topographies unfolds depending on which way you turn at the clubhouse on this sprawling 500-acre golf complex. The lower lying Weiskopf fairways are lined with thicker foliage and deep ravines. Stop a moment to inhale the sweet fragrance of the ruby-red bougainvilleas. Routed on higher ground the Nicklaus track offers enchanting views of Puerto Vallarta, the marina and Banderas Bay. A highlight is No. 3, a 550-yard par 5 which requires a string of formidable strokes to reach an elevated green (unseen from the fairway) in regulation. Green Fee: $199 at both. Course Designers: Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf

Loreto Baja, Baja California Sur

Cast in the shadows of the looming Sierra de Giganta with holes that trace the Sea of Cortez, Loreto is a scenic dreamscape offering plenty of pinch-me golf moments during a round. Exercise caution on No. 2, a par 5 dogleg right with water all along the right and a peninsula green that slopes steeply toward the drink on three sides. A very precise approach shot is required to touch down safely on the dance floor and keep your ball dry. Green Fee: $70. An additional $30 to rent a cart. Course Designer: Mario Schejtnan and Peter Güereca. Reconditioned by David Duval in 2008.

Punta Mita, Riviera Nayarit

Golfers visiting the plush Four Seasons or St. Regis resorts which have access to this golf club are in for a slice of tropical paradise with two impeccably conditioned seaside layouts to play. The stoic Sierra Madre mountains in the background and stunning ocean views will have most golfers reaching for their cameras as often as their rangefinders. The elder Pacifico course boasts a unique treat in No. 3B, "Tail of the Whale," an optional par 3. The World's first natural island green (pictured) is only reachable during low tide. Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus Green Fees: $210

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No-stress Puerto Rico

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ALISON BOWEN
Metro World News

Puerto Rico is exotic, but also has a familiar North American flavour. With resorts just a 10-minute drive from the airport, you could be stowing your carry-on in the morning and holding a cerveza or margarita in the sand by the early afternoon. The beautiful island, with colonial charm in the preserved cobblestones of Old San Juan, promises a convenient and zero-stress vacation.

The small island is also easily explored by car, meaning you can traverse the island in a day. Minutes away from landing at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, 16th-century citadels and beautiful, palm-tree bordered beaches welcome you. Here are a few spots to visit.

Old San Juan in Puerto Rico. THINKSTOCK.COM

1 For exploring the island: Guanica

To get away from the hustle and bustle of San Juan consider Guanica, a quaint town on the other side of the island. The two-hour drive itself is relaxing, through hills and rainforest.

2 Head here first: where to stay

The Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort has everything — salsa dancing at the Picante Lobby Lounge and the Casino Del Sol for parents, and ice cream and hammocks for the kids.

3 Sample the night life: La Concha

La Concha Resort is a hip hotel in the heart of San Juan's Condado neighbourhood, decorated with retro furniture from lobby to room and hosts bar stools filled with well-dressed Puerto Ricans.

4 For a colonial: Old San Juan

Along the cobblestone streets of Old San Juan, get a delicious coffee and breakfast to start at Caficultura, a cafe nestled near a town plaza.

5 Getting there: An easy trip

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SUN AND SAND

BASK IN SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S WARMEST SALTWATER BEACHES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

If you're heading to New Brunswick this summer looking for sandy beaches with warm salt water for swimming, you'll find them along the Northumberland Strait, a tidal water body between Prince Edward Island and the coast of eastern New Brunswick and northern Nova Scotia.

The Strait's generally shallow depth is largely responsible for the warmest summer water temperatures in Eastern Canada (20 C or higher in July). Here are some of the most popular spots:

KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK

One of two wilderness Canadian national parks in New Brunswick, Kouchibouguac on the eastern coastline is an interesting mix of bogs, salt marshes, tidal rivers, freshwater systems, sheltered lagoons, abandoned fields and tall forests. Of Mi'kmaq origin, its name means "river of long tides." Established in 1969, the 238-square-kilometre park is

a popular place to swim, canoe, kayak, hike and cycle. The beach's 25 kilometres of shifting sand dunes are home to the endangered piping plover seabird and colonies of grey and harbour seals.

PARLEE BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

This beach in Shediac boasts some of the warmest salt water north of Virginia. Because it's a provincial park, there are lifeguards on duty during the summer and such activities as men's, women's and co-ed beach volleyball leagues, yoga for all ages, football, Frisbee and sand-sculpture competitions.

MURRAY BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

Located on the southeastern section of New Brunswick's Acadian Coastal Drive, this park in Little Shemogue has a seaside campground with 111 sites and six cabins. There's a playground, picnic areas and an unsupervised saltwater beach with on-site change houses and washrooms.

NEW RIVER BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

Here adults and kids can wade in tidal pools to search for crabs, periwinkles, whelks and starfish. Birdwatchers can spy eider ducks and cormorants, the large black seabirds that nest offshore and along the hiking trails. Trek the sweeping cliffs of Barnaby Head or stroll the boardwalk through the bog, where you'll pass dwarfed black spruces that are almost a century old. The popular annual New River Beach sand sculpture contest will be held on July 28 (rain date: July 29).

MACTAQUAC PROVINCIAL PARK

Located close to Fredericton, this park is open from May to October. It boasts a vast 550 hectares (1,359 acres) of outdoor adventure, including camping, hiking, windsurfing, canoeing, fishing, swimming at one of the supervised beaches and golfing on a championship course.

For more information about New Brunswick beaches and other attractions, visit TourismNewBrunswick.ca or call 1-800-561-0123. *– Jane Doucet*

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Cruising. These five river trips take travellers on an epic journey through some of the world's most incredible landscapes

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For chilling out: Kerala, India

India's South-Western state of Kerala is known for its backwaters, a network of canals and rivers that carve through lush green coastal countryside. You can't help but unwind as you float past lily pads in a kettuvallam, a traditional Keralan houseboat with a thatched roof.

Trip of a lifetime: Take a four-night backwater trip in a private houseboat through Alleppey, nicknamed 'Venice of the East' for its criss-crossing canals, and stop off in the pretty village of Kumarakom. See enchanting-india.com for a schedule.

For absorbing the South: Mississippi River

When Priscilla Presley smashed a bottle of bubbly on the hull of the American Queen in April it became the first steamboat to sail overnight on the Mississippi River since hurricane Katrina devastated the American South in 2005. Now visitors can cruise the river again, stopping off at iconic historic sites as it cuts through Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Visit Elvis Presley's home Graceland, listen to live jazz in New Orleans, or just soak up the laidback, Southern vibe.

Trip of a lifetime: The 222-room American Queen has nostalgic, Victorian-style interiors, old-fashioned Southern afternoon teas, receptions with the Captain and rat-pack bands, all designed to take passengers back in time to a more genteel era. Three to 10-night trips run through America's heartland from Memphis to New Orleans.

For spotting the Big Five: The Zambezi, through African countries

The spectacular 2700km-long Zambezi River snakes through no less than six Central-African countries before flowing into the Indian Ocean in Mozambique. Several wild rapids, the huge Kariba Dam and the ferocious Victoria Falls are among the barriers to a river-long trip, so it's best to take on one small section. Go whitewater rafting, get close to hippos on a canoe safari or hook a Tiger fish.

Unwind as you cruise through India's southwestern state, Kerala. METRO WORLD NEWS

Trip of a lifetime: The Zambezi Queen offers 45 metres of minimalist luxury, with 14 suites, each with their own private balcony. The boat cruises the Chobe River section of the Zambezi, which runs between Botswana's Chobe National Park and Namibia's Caprivi Strip, home to one of the densest populations of wildlife in Africa, and more than 120,000 elephants.

For ancient treasures: The Nile, Egypt

This summer, Egypt's iconic river will finally re-open for the full Nile Cruise for the first time in 15 years. For ticking ancient wonders off your travelers' to-do list, you can't beat the Nile. At one end are the iconic pyramids and sphinx in Cairo, and the other are the monumental statues at Abu Simbel built in 1244 B.C. In between lie the spectacular burial sites in the Valley of the Kings and Queens as well as the temples of Esna, Edfu, Karnak and Kom Ombo.

Trip of a lifetime: From August, fans of the finer things in life will be able to make this epic journey on the Sanctuary Sun Boat III. Despite housing just 16 cabins, this palatial 1930s colonial-style retreat also has a glamorous indoor restaurant and bar, a rooftop deck complete with cocktail bar, cabanas for guests to lounge on and a pool to cool off in after a hard day scrutinizing hieroglyphs with one of the world-class Egyptologists that are on hand to guide those on board through the temples. See sanctuaryretreats.com.

For jungle adventure: The Amazon, Peru, Brazil

The world's largest river weaves through dense rainforest and the home of indigenous settlers and exotic wildlife as its makes its way across the Latin American continent. Beneath two-metre-wide water lilies swim huge river turtles, pink river dolphins, anacondas, piranhas and the endangered manatee. Pack a hammock and sleep like a local on the upper deck of a passenger ferry traveling from the Amazon's capital, Manaus, or book a private tour in Ecuador, Peru, Columbia or Brazil for a more leisurely cruise.

Trip of a lifetime: Newly-launched boat M/V Aria offers a very sophisticated way of nosing around the most beautiful and remote parts of the Peruvian Amazon. This five-star boutique hotel on the water was designed by one of Peru's coolest architects, Jordi Puig. The 16 air-conditioned suites each have floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows. There's an on-deck jacuzzi, bar and a glamorous restaurant: go to aquaexpeditions.com.

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Destination dining — at the airport

Trend. Airports are finally catching on to the fact that air travellers no longer want to eat trash before they catch their plane. The trend for improving the quality of airport food means passengers can trade Sbarro pizza for Michelin-quality banquet dining

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Ugh, airport food

Travellers flying out of Stuttgart, Germany, might be able to enjoy Michelin-starred dining at Top Air restaurant before they hop on the plane but for the rest of us, eating at the airport is often a fairly disappointing choice between McDonalds, Sbarro pizza and an overpriced and aging cheese-and-ham ciabatta.

Fortunately airports are now waking up to the fact that vacationers and business travellers want to eat well before they board their flight.

"Over the past decade or so, standards at airports have been constantly rising, and customers' expectations of what they can find at the terminal have also risen," says Mark Kassapian, spokesman for airport food and drink specialists, SSP. "Even at the airports used by the low-cost carriers with a large number of travellers who may be on a budget, there is scope to introduce a high-end offer. The trend for 'treating' is growing, and many passengers, even those who are keeping an eye on the cost, will choose to kick off or end their holiday with something memorable."

High-end food court

Last New Year's Eve Minneapolis-St. Paul International opened its food hall and Delta recently put a high-end food court in New York City's LaGuardia that includes Bisoux, a French bistro, top-quality Custom Burgers by Pat LaFrieda and a full steakhouse called Prime Tavern. This summer, Los Angeles' LAX is set to open a gourmet food hall that includes vegetarian cuisine and an on-trend food truck. Meanwhile, Michelin-starred chefs run Altitude at Geneva Airport, Hung's Delicacies at Hong Kong Airport, Aire Tapas at Alicante Airport and Lamoraga at Malaga Airport in Spain and Plane Food at London's Heathrow T5 is run by global gastronomic phenomenon Gordon Ramsay.

"A good airport restaurant is one that provides excellent service and ensures the guest will be well served and on time for his or her flight," says Lenny Russo, chef at celebrated Minneapolis restaurant Heartlands, who created a rustic menu featuring locally sourced ingredients for the new Mill City Tavern at the Minneapolis Airport. "But it is also a restaurant that could stand alone outside of an airport and offer a competitive, quality dining experience on par with any free-standing restaurant."

Quoted

"The trend for 'treating' is growing."

Mark Kassapian. spokesperson for SSP
on how airport food is changing

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Top chefs

Not only are airports trading fast food for fast fine dining, they are also looking to trade international multinational chains for spin-offs of local restaurants. Some of New York City's top chefs were invited to open gastronomic outlets at JFK's JetBlue Terminal 5 revamp: Deep Blue offers fancy sushi from Buddakan's chef Michael Schulson, former Balthazar and Pastis chefs run Brasserie La Vie, and Piquillo, the U.S.'s first airport tapas bar, run by the team behind Manhattan tapas joint, Tia Pol.

"Bringing the local flavours and culture to the airport creates a sense of place," explains Rick Blatstein, Chief Executive Officer of OTG, the food and drink specialist that conceives the food offering at several U.S. airports. "The airport is the first step into a city, providing a wonderful opportunity for travelers to enjoy what makes that city so special."

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5 airport eateries

Go beyond that gross cheese sandwich for some gourmet eats. Check out these eateries on your next layover.

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Magic Food Point, Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport, Thailand

Bangkok Airport is full of upscale restaurants and fast food joints, but the real deal is downstairs, where local airport staff tuck into steaming bowls of authentic Thai noodles for a fraction of the price you'll pay upstairs. Exchange cash for tokens and pick up a bowl of curried rice for as little as 30 baht. bangkokairportonline.com

2

Plane Food, Heathrow Terminal 5, UK

The global gastronomic phenomenon and notorious swearing-hound Gordon Ramsay is behind the sophisticated but speedy dining experience at Plane Food. Don't have 25 minutes spare to try a two-course meal, or 35 minutes for three? Then pick up a healthy three-course Plane Picnic, which will certainly beat all of your in-flight options hands-down. gordonramsay.com

3

Encounter, Los Angeles LAX, USA

You don't actually have to go through security to eat here, but Encounter deserves a mention just for outstanding novelty-factor. This psychedelic space-themed restaurant is set in a former observation deck built in the 1960s. It was recently revamped by Walt Disney Imagineering. Inside the Jetsons-style restaurant, diners can sip cocktails at the lava-lamp-lit crater-shaped bar, and choose pasta, salads and steaks from the menu. encounterlax.com

4

Hung's Delicacies at Hong Kong International Airport, Hong Kong

Run by Michelin-starred chef Lai Wai-Hung, this airport bistro aims to bring the best of Hong Kong's culinary delights, and authentic Lou Seoi specialities to travellers on their way in and out of the city. Try its marinated duck tongues, marinated goose slices and pig's intestines and take home a souvenir bottle of Hung's Handmade Chili Oil XO Sauce. hungsdelicacies.com

5

Lamoraga, Malaga Airport, Spain

It's worth getting to the airport a few hours early in order to fit in a pre-flight tapas feast at this swanky but reasonably-priced airport 'gastrobar'. Michelin-starred Andalusian chef Dani Garcia added this large bright, modern restaurant to his portfolio of superlative and popular tapas restaurants in 2010, offering locals and pre-security travellers as choice of well-executed tapas classics as well as more exotic concoctions. lamoraga.com

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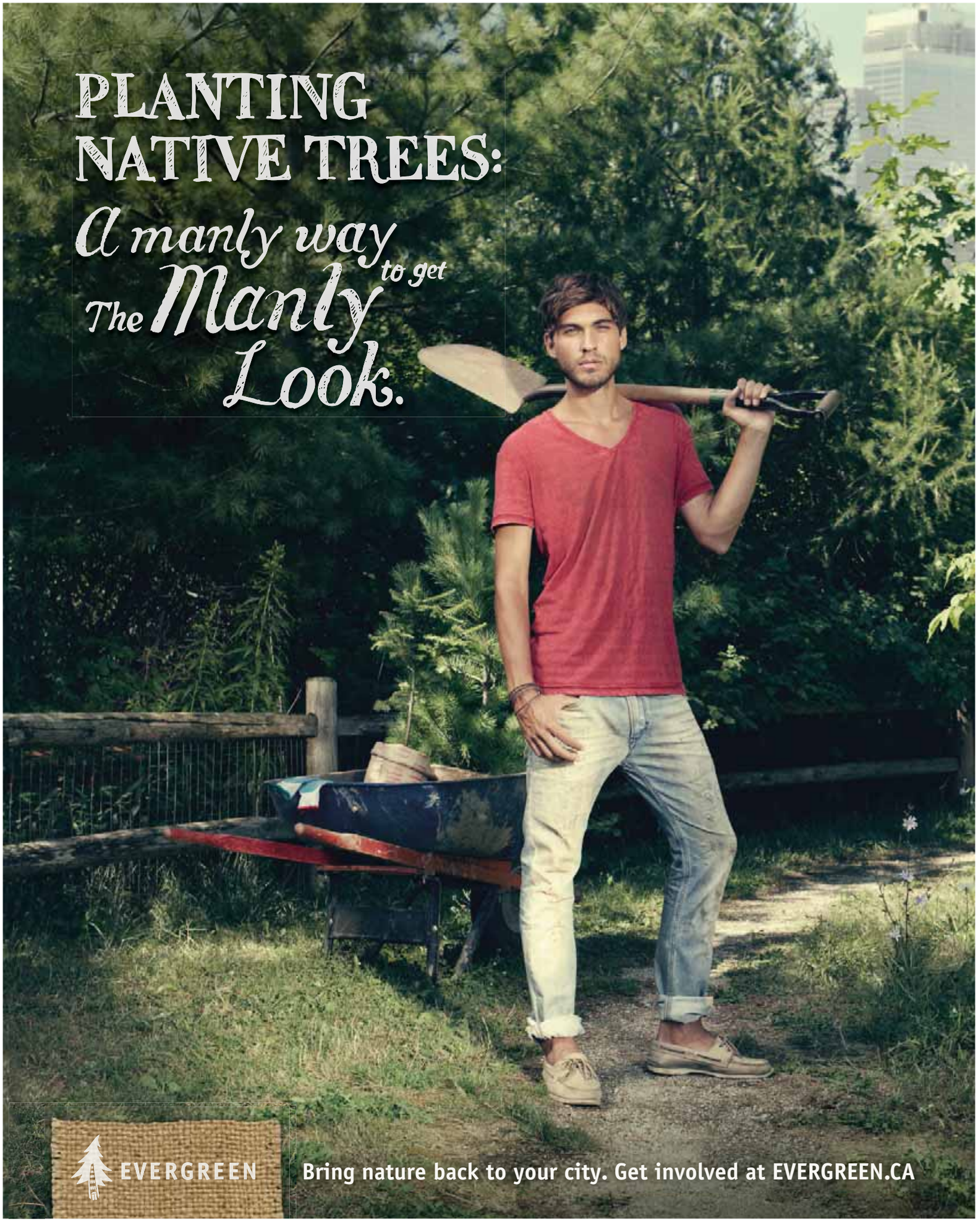
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A replica of Claude Monet's bridge in France is part of the Monet's Gardens exhibit. RAY STUBBLEBINE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York exhibit brings the world of Claude Monet to life

Monet's Garden. This summer, get a bit of Giverny in the Bronx, where the New York Botanical Garden has an interactive exhibit

Claude Monet's beloved flower and water gardens in the north of France are world famous. But for those unable to visit the artist's iconic home, a trip to the Bronx over the next several months will offer a taste of Monet's indisputably radiant living masterpiece — a riotous display of colour, plant variety and landscape design.

Monet's Garden at the New York Botanical Garden evokes Monet's lush garden at Giverny, the impressionist's home from 1883 until his death in 1926.

A passionate gardener who once declared, "I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers," Monet found endless inspiration from his exuberant gardens. The water garden alone accounts for some 250 paintings, including a series of monumental canvases that led to his Grandes Decorations at the Musee de l'Orangerie in Paris. His flower garden is featured in at least 40 works.

The exhibition, which runs through Oct. 21, will feature a seasonally changing display of flora, currently a spring kaleidoscope of poppies, roses, foxgloves, irises and delphiniums inside the botanical garden's Enid A. Haupt Conservancy. It also includes two scarcely seen garden-inspired paintings, Monet's wooden palette, rare photos of Monet in his garden and 30 photographs of Giverny by Elizabeth Murray, who has recorded Monet's flower oasis for 25 years. These are all located at the botanical garden's LuEsther T. Mertz Library.

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It's all a facade

A facade of Monet's pink stucco house with its bright green shutters — a historically accurate replica by Tony Award-winning set designer Scott Park — marks the start of the exhibition. From there, visitors are led down the Grand Allee, a shorter recreation of Monet's rose-covered trellis pathway. The path opens up to a replica of his famous Japanese footbridge arching over a water lily pool. "He could stand at his doorstep, as you can in this recreation, and look down the allee to the Japanese bridge," said the exhibition curator, Monet scholar Paul Hayes Tucker.

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INCLUDES downtown accom. Departs Jun 20/ggv/dl. **ADD** 3-day car rental with unlimited mileage for $28 per day.

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My favourite place in Canada is so hard to pinpoint because I am passionately in love with our entire Country; but, as I have to pick one, it has to be Alberta. I came with my family as a very young girl to this Prairie province from South Africa.

And, while we may have had no money in our pockets, we had great hope for our future life here in Canada.

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There were tears and cheers and rousing renditions of "O Canada" as we made our way into Canada from Maine after 345 days of travel. When we spotted this sign just over the border the kids let their emotions run wild. Ethan's cheer made me laugh. Cameron's impromptu decision to hug the flag? Well, that started the tears all over again. We are so excited to be back in Canada and can't wait to see what these last few weeks will bring.

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Instead of cedar, try pineapple bark for your grilled chicken

Pineapple Bark Chicken with Grilled Pineapple and Guacamole

This recipe serves three. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Using pineapple bark in the same way you would use a cedar plank to grill, infuses the meat with a delicate sweetness, and keeps it moist and juicy. The enzymes in the pineapple also help to tenderize the meat.

1. Cut off the top and bottom of the pineapple. These can be discarded. Stand the pineapple upright. Cut the skin off the pineapple, removing it in 6 long strips. To do this, begin cutting at the top of the fruit and slice downward, letting the knife follow the curve of the fruit. Leave about 1/2 inch of flesh on each strip of skin. Rotate the fruit and repeat. Set aside.

2. Place each chicken breast between sheets of plastic wrap and use a meat mallet to pound to an even 1/2 inch thickness. Season each on both sides with salt, pepper, cumin and cayenne. Lay each piece of chicken over the cut side of one of the slices of pineapple skin. Set a second strip of pineapple skin, cut side down, on top. Use kitchen twine to tie the bundles to hold them together. Refrigerate the chicken bundles for about 30 minutes.

3. When ready to cook, heat one side of the grill to high, the other side to low.

4. Meanwhile, cut the skinned pineapple (the flesh) into thick circles. Use a small round cookie or biscuit cutter (or a paring knife) to cut out and discard the core from each round.

5. When grill is hot, arrange chicken bundles on the cooler side of the grill. Cook for 15 minutes per side, or until the chicken reaches 165 F at the centre. During the final 10 minutes, add the pineapple rings and cook for 5 minutes per side.

6. Guacamole: In bowl combine red onion, jalapeno, avocados, lime juice and cilantro. Gently mix then season with salt and pepper.

7. Place one chicken bundle on each plate. Set grilled pineapple ring next to it, then spoon some of the guacamole into the centre of and over the pineapple ring. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

- 1 large whole pineapple
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Ground cumin
- Cayenne pepper
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeds removed, diced
- 2 avocados, pitted and chopped
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

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- 3-4 kaffir lime leaves
- 3/4 oz (21 g) of fresh lime juice
- 3/4 oz (21 g) agave syrup
- ½ oz (14 g) of green chartreuse
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Fire alarm: Where to go if you've been let go

It's over. But it's not the end. How to bounce back from being fired.

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I spent the summer after my first year of university working at a shoe store in my hometown. When I got the job, I had booked off time in July so I could visit my relatives south of the border. After my family bonanza, I came home to messages asking me to come in to the store for a shift the previous week.

I called the store to clarify that I hadn't come in because I had been out of the country, as indicated on the staff schedule. Despite my reasoning, the new store manager, who had taken over while I was away, pulled an Arnold Schwarzenegger and "terminated" me.

In my state of shock, I hung up and accepted that I had just lost my job, but according to employment experts, that was not the way to go.

The biggest mistake that students make when they've been fired is, "not knowing their rights and not knowing if they were justifiably (and justly) fired" says Aino Lokk, an employment counsellor at Ryerson University.

If you've suddenly been singled out and fired, it may be worth it to research whether your termination was not, in fact, justified. ISTOCK

When you get a job

Don't wait until you get that phone call to start learning your rights. When you get hired, make sure you know what can get you fired. Lokk says right from the get-go, students need to be familiar with their legal, work-related rights. Don't just scan those contracts and forms, take the time to read them over, ask questions and make sure you understand the company policy and procedures such as code of conduct or confidentiality of information.

Warning signs

Getting fired is never going to be pleasant, but Lokk says if the employer has followed due diligence throughout the firing process, then it shouldn't come as a big surprise. "If the employee is in clear violation of organizational policy or procedures, or has been given the appropriate warnings regarding behaviours/activities that need to change and they have not changed, then the next likely step is that they could be fired."

Should the job still go on your resumé?

In short, yes. If you gained skills and experience that are relevant to your future job hunt, then it still deserves a spot on your resume. If interviewers ask why you left the position, be honest.

If the firing was unjust, you should "briefly describe the situation without ascribing any blame, allowwing the employer to draw the appropriate conclusion," says Lokk. If you genuinely deserved to be fired, then focus on the lesson learned from the experience. For instance, if your contract outlined that you are not allowed to speak to reporters about the company but you shared information damaging the company, he says the student could reflect on the fact that they now know to always defer media requests to the authorized person within the firm.

Ultimately, when the question comes up, try not to dwell on it, explain what happened and move on.

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Since when did school not count as experience?

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Yes, experience is important, but how can a recent graduate acquire experience if not given the opportunity? This is an issue which continues to be a major cause of frustration and, at times, desperation.

I am a recent graduate with a B.A in both English Literature and Spanish. For five years I read novels, scripts, plays and articles in both English and Spanish, analyzing and scrutinizing them. Many long essays and presentations later, interviews fall flat because of "lack of experience."

The sheer fact that I have a university degree is experience, since university students, particularly literature majors, do a great deal of critical thinking, problem solving, and written and verbal communication.

Where I am now

Presently, I continue to eagerly look for an entry-level position that makes use of my knowledge and skills. I will also be applying to nearby colleges to focus on editing and publishing, as I enjoy the field of communications.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career-centres

Employers need to reconsider their expectations as they could potentially lose an excellent candidate. Sure, some work related experience is beneficial, but the fact that a recent graduate does not have specific experience does not mean that they would be unable to perform efficiently.

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Help! I've got the first-job jitters

Newly hired nerves.

A few tips to conquer that queasy feeling as you start out on your career path

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First, congratulations on getting that job! It's a big deal to start your first "real" job. Unfortunately, it sounds like excitement is being overshadowed by nerves.

What is it that you are nervous about? The more clear you are on just what it is that is causing your nerves, the better you'll be able to address it.

Some common concerns when starting a new job include feeling overwhelmed by the idea of walking into a brand new environment and not knowing what to expect, feeling shy about meeting all kinds of people (perhaps including suit-wearing and/or other 'important' people), and sometimes worrying that maybe you won't be good enough at the job.

Regardless of what it is specifically causing your worries, here are a few things you can do to make starting your first day easier.

Rest and food

Seems a bit overly simple, but sometimes the simple things are very important. Getting a good sleep the night before your first day and feeding yourself more than caffeine that morning can help your physical self keep your emotional self feeling stronger and more relaxed.

Remember they hired you for a reason

Hiring decisions are rarely taken lightly. If you've been offered this job, the organization/company must feel convinced that you are up for it (even if you yourself may be worried). If you are nervous about whether you can do this, remind yourself that you probably would not have been hired if you didn't display the skills and qualities that are needed.

Assess your expectations for yourself

Yes, the first day is important, but too much emphasis can be placed on first impressions. Your first day is usually a day of easing you into your new role. Usually, there will be introductions, orientations, tours and some explanation of your job. You don't have to go sprinting out of the starting gate and impress everyone in your first eight hours there. You can spend the day with a smile on your face and listening, learning, and trying to remember everyone's name (a note pad might help!).

Best wishes as you start your new job!

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Ask questions

Loud and proud

- If you get worried, or nervous, or confused, do ask questions. You are new and you are not expected to know everything.
- Worrying about that first day may be a bit nerve-wracking, but if you try to relax and take the pressure off yourself, you can focus on learning and enjoying.

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"He felt he was worthy of a callup and we weren't prepared to do that right now."

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos after parting ways with Vladimir Guerrero on Tuesday. The Jays signed the 37-year-old slugger to a minor-league deal on May 10. Anthopoulos said there was a handshake agreement that allowed Guerrero to leave at any time. Toronto also placed right-handed pitcher Brandon Morrow on the 15-day disabled list after tests confirmed that he has a strained left oblique muscle.

On the web

Floyd Mayweather's lawyers say the boxer's career is at risk and they have filed a motion with a Las Vegas judge, asking her to ease jail conditions for the undefeated champion who is serving time for domestic battery and harassment. Scan the code for the story.

Canada's Dwayne De Rosario, left, battles with Honduras' Roger Espinoza during a World Cup qualifying match on Tuesday night. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian chances take a blow in T.O.

Soccer. Road to 2014 World Cup gets tougher after missed opportunity vs. Honduras

Conventional wisdom suggests the key to success in World Cup qualifying lies in winning home matches and stealing points whenever possible on the road.

By that measure, Canada's 0-0 draw with Honduras before 16,132 fans at BMO Field Tuesday night can only be seen as a big blow to the Canadians as they look to make their first trip to the game's biggest party since their only visit in 1986.

Coming off an impressive 1-0 victory in Cuba last Friday, the Canadians had a chance to move six points clear of the Hondurans, who lost 2-0 that night at home to Panama.

But despite carrying the play to the visitors and creating numerous scoring chances, the Canadians lacked finish and settled for a single point rather than the desired three.

Canadians Kevin McKenna and David Edgar had the best chances to give Canada the goal it desperately sought, putting headers just wide of the mark in stoppage time.

Edgar nearly opened the scoring in the 68th minute. The Canadian defender got high above the Honduran defence but thumped a header off a Will Johnson cross just wide.

Atiba Hutchinson, making his first start since his latest battle with a knee injury that has hampered him for more than a year, forced a save from goalkeeper Noel Valladares in the 57th minute when he got his head on a free kick from Julian de Guzman in close.

The best second-half chance for Honduras came off the boot of Roger Espinoza, who rocketed a drive from 40 yards which sailed just over the Canadian net.

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Road to Brazil

Canada will now face Panama in back-to-back games in September — the 7th at BMO Field and the 11th in Panama.

- This semifinal round of qualifying for Brazil 2014 wraps up in October when Canada hosts Cuba on the 12th and then travels to Honduras on Oct. 16.
- The top two teams in the group will advance to a six-team final in 2013. The best three will go to Brazil with a fourth facing a side from Oceania in a playoff.

NHL

Stanley Cup TV ratings take big dip in U.S.

The Stanley Cup finals' television ratings were down 29 per cent from last year.

The Los Angeles Kings' victory over the New Jersey Devils in six games averaged a 2.2 rating and four share on NBC. The 2011 series between the Boston Bruins and Vancouver Canucks, boosted by a Game 7, averaged a 3.1/6. Monday's decisive Game 6 earned a series-high 3.1 rating, down three per cent from last season's Game 6.

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MLB

Jury goes into deliberation at Clemens trial

Roger Clemens' fate is in the hands of a jury that will decide if the former pitcher lied about performance-enhancing substances.

The panel of eight women and four men began deliberations Tuesday after a day of closing arguments in the ninth week of the trial.

Clemens is charged with lying when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids and human growth hormone.

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Roger Clemens
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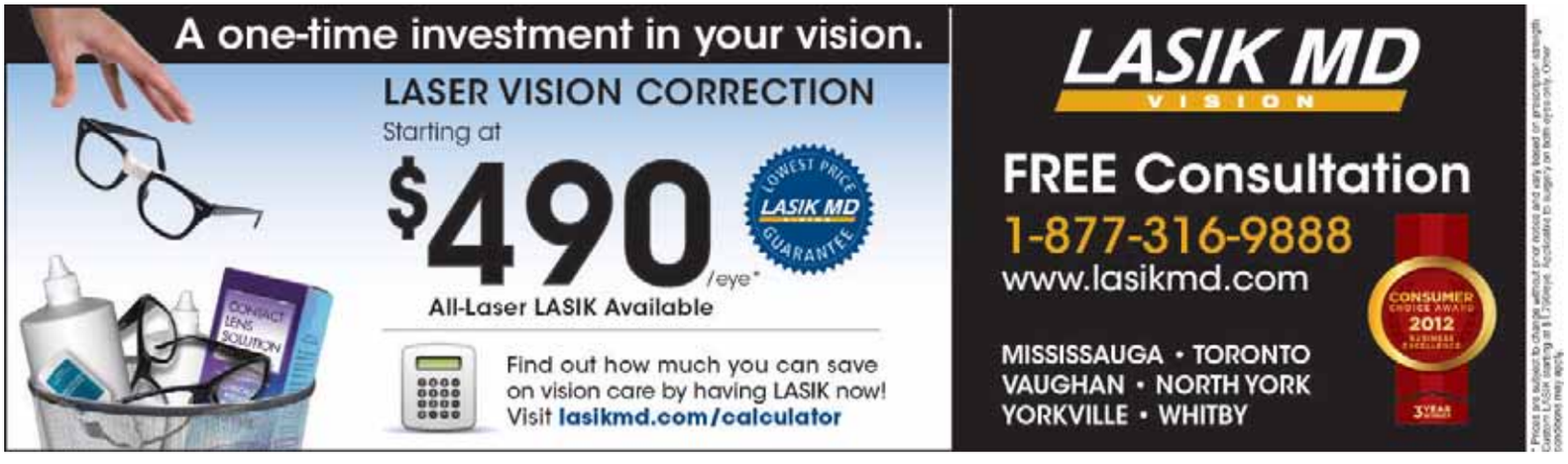

Poland fights back to keep hopes of advancing alive

Euro 2012. Polish defence largely muzzled Russian attack

Tuesday's game

Russia	Poland
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Alan Dzagoev scored his third goal of the European Championship, and Jakub Blaszczykowski scored what will surely be one of the goals of the tournament.

Russia and Poland played out a 1-1 draw Tuesday. The result left Russia at the top of Group A, but all four teams still have a chance to qualify for the quarter-finals.

"We're still in the tournament, so with this point a win in our final match puts us into the knockout stage," Blaszczykowski said.

Dzagoev was first to score Tuesday. He darted past defender Lukasz Piszczek in the 37th minute and sent a glancing header beyond goalkeeper Przemyslaw Tyton after a curling free kick from Andrei Arshavin.

Russia continued to push forward after the goal, allowing Poland to equalize on the counter in the 57th when Blaszczykowski cut in from the right and sent a searing left-foot drive into the far corner of the goal.

"I think we deserve praise because all of us put a lot into this match," Blaszczykowski said. "The tactics we set up before the match we carried out 100 per cent."

Russia's rampant attack in the opening 4-1 win over the Czechs was largely muzzled by a well-organized Polish defence. At the other end, Robert Lewandowski was a constant threat.

"When we went 1-0 up, I thought we'd get more space like we did against the Czech Republic, but that didn't happen," Advocaat said. "We lost the ball too fast when we were going forward and they could counter. We left the field too open."

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Jakub Blaszczykowski celebrates scoring the equalizing goal for Poland against Russia at Euro 2012 in Warsaw, Poland. SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

Violence

Fans clash outside game

Soccer hooligans clashed with opposing fans and police before and during Poland's game against bitter rival Russia on Tuesday, leaving 15 injured while more than 140 people were detained.

Following scattered fighting in the Polish capital before the match, police fired rubber bullets at a group of fans who attacked them with bottles and stones near an outdoor fan zone in central Warsaw where about 75,000 people were watching the game on huge screens.

None of the injured, which included a police officer, were in life-threatening condition.

About 5,000 Russian fans marched to the match at the National Stadium to celebrate the Russia Day national holiday.

It was seen as provocative to many Poles. The two countries share a difficult history, including decades of control by Moscow over Poland during the Cold War. Many Poles felt authorities shouldn't have allowed the Russians to march as a group in Warsaw given the historical wounds.

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Czech Republic scores twice inside of six minutes

Kostas Katsouranis of Greece lies in the goal after Vaclav Pilar of Czech Republic scored at Euro 2012 in Wroclaw, Poland. CHRISTOF KOEPSEL/GETTY IMAGES

Before the match, the Czech fans booed their coach. Six minutes after the start, they could barely contain their joy.

After an embarrassing 4-1 opening loss to Russia at the European Championship, the Czechs attacked right from kickoff and scored two quick goals en route to a 2-1 victory over Greece on Tuesday.

"Everything worked for us tonight," Czech Republic coach Michal Bilek said. "I am happy with every player."

Rosicky injured

The Czech Republic's much needed victory over Greece came at a cost: captain Tomas Rosicky injured his Achilles tendon and is doubtful for its final Group A game.

Petr Jiracek scored the first goal, beating Greece goalkeeper Costas Chalkias in the third minute after a pass from Tomas Hubschmann sliced through the Greek defence. Vaclav Pilar added the second three minutes later with his second goal of the tournament. He was first to a ball sent across the goal by teammate Theodor Gebre Selassie.

"This was a big goal for me, and it's great for the team," Pilar said.

Substitute Fanis Gekas pulled one back for Greece in 53rd minute with a tap in after Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech spilled the ball and bumped into defender Tomas Sivok.

But the Greeks rallied too late, and their chances of advancing were hurt following their 1-1 draw with Poland in the opening Group A match.

The Czechs, however, put their bid to reach for the quarter-finals back on track.

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Blue Jays drop second straight to Nationals

Toronto Blue Jay Edwin Encarnacion reacts after striking out with the bases loaded against the Washington Nationals at Rogers Centre on Tuesday. The Nationals beat the Blue Jays 4-2.

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Durant powers Thunder past Heat to open finals

NBA. Oklahoma forward combines with guard Westbrook to outduel Miami's Big 3 in Game 1

Kevin Durant showed LeBron James how to play the fourth quarter in the NBA finals.

Durant scored 17 of his 36 points in another nightmarish final period for James and his team, leading a Thunder storm that overwhelmed the Heat and gave Oklahoma City a 105-94 victory over Miami in Game 1 on Tuesday night.

Teaming with Russell Westbrook to outscore the Heat in the second half by themselves, Durant struck first in his head-to-head matchup with James, who had seven points in the final quarter and was helpless to stop the league's three-time scoring champion.

Westbrook turned around a poor shooting start to finish with 27 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the Thunder, keying a strong finish to the third period that gave the Thunder the lead for good.

Thunder guard Russell Westbrook shoots over Heat forward Chris Bosh on Tuesday night in Oklahoma City.

RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Durant took over from there.

Scoring in nearly every way possible, Durant finished 12 of 20 from the field and added eight rebounds. He and Westbrook outscored the Heat 41-40 over the final two periods, showing that maybe this time it will be offence that wins championships.

James finished with 30 points, his most in any of his 11 finals games, but had only one basket over the first 8:15 of the fourth, when the Thunder seized control of a game they trailed for all but the final few seconds of the first three quarters.

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Heat stars fizzle

- **Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh combined for 29 points, shooting 11-for-30 from the field for Miami in Game 1.**

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I got a speeding ticket for driving 80km in a 50km zone. Should I fight the ticket? Will my insurance go up a lot?

John
Scarborough, ON

A: John,
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Taylor
Hamilton, ON

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	36	25	.590	—
Tampa Bay	35	25	.583	½
Baltimore	34	26	.567	1½
Toronto	31	31	.500	5½
Boston	30	32	.484	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	33	27	.550	—
Cleveland	32	28	.533	1
Detroit	28	32	.467	5
Kansas City	24	34	.414	8
Minnesota	24	35	.407	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	35	26	.574	—
Los Angeles	33	29	.532	2½
Seattle	27	35	.435	8½
Oakland	26	35	.426	9

INTERLEAGUE

Tuesday's results
Washington 4 Toronto 2
Boston 2 Miami 1
Cincinnati 7 Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 6 Atlanta 4
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
N.Y. Mets at Tampa Bay
Arizona at Texas
Detroit at Chicago Cubs
Milwaukee at Kansas City
Philadelphia at Minnesota
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis
Oakland at Colorado
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers
San Diego at Seattle
Monday's results
Washington 6 Toronto 3
L.A. Angels 3 L.A. Dodgers 2
Miami 4 Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 3 Atlanta 0
Wednesday's Games — All Times Eastern
Washington (Strasburg 7-1) at Toronto (Drabek 4-6), 12:37 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Correia 2-5) at Baltimore (Matusz 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 6-3) at Miami (Nolasco 6-4), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (D.Lowe 7-4) at Cincinnati (Leake 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 9-1) at Tampa Bay (Price 8-3), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 5-6) at Atlanta (Hudson 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 7-2) at Texas (M.Harrison 8-3), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 2-5) at Kansas City (Hochevar 3-7), 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 8-3) at Minnesota (Walters 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 6-1) at St. Louis (Lynn 9-2), 8:15 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 5-3) at Colorado (Outman 0-2), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 7-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 0-2), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Marquis 0-1) at Seattle (Noesi 2-6), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	37	23	.617	—
Atlanta	34	28	.548	4
New York	32	29	.525	5½
Miami	32	30	.516	6
Philadelphia	29	33	.468	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	33	27	.550	—
Pittsburgh	32	27	.542	½
St. Louis	31	30	.508	2½
Milwaukee	28	32	.467	5
Houston	26	34	.433	7
Chicago	20	40	.333	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	39	23	.629	—
San Francisco	34	27	.557	4½
Arizona	30	30	.500	8
Colorado	24	35	.407	13½
San Diego	20	41	.328	18½

Tuesday's result
Houston at San Francisco
Monday's results
No Games Scheduled.
Wednesday's game
All Times Eastern
Houston (Happ 4-6) at San Francisco (M.Cain 7-2), 10:15 p.m.

NATIONALS 4, BLUE JAYS 2

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Lmrdzz lf	4	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	3	1	1	0
Harper rf	4	1	3	1	Rasms cf	4	0	1	0
Zmrmn 3b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	2	1	2	2
LaRoch 1b	4	1	1	0	Encrnc 1b	4	0	0	0
Morse dh	4	0	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	0	1	0
Dsmnd ss	3	0	0	0	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
Espinos 2b	4	1	2	2	Cooper dh	2	0	0	0
Ankiel cf	4	0	0	0	Arencii ph-dh	1	0	0	0
JSolano c	3	1	2	1	RDavis lf	3	0	0	0
Mathis c	3	0	0	0					
Vizquel ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**		**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**

Washington	001	200	100 — 4
Toronto	000	020	000 — 2

DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Washington 4, Toronto 8. 2B—LaRoche (15), Espinosa (14), Bautista (8). HR—Harper (7), Espinosa (6), J.Solano (1), Bautista (18). SB—Desmond (8), Bautista (4). CS—Harper (3), Lawrie (6).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wang W,2-2	5	4	2	2	5	5
Detwiler H,1	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Stammen H,3	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
S.Burnett H,11	1	0	0	0	0	0
Clippard S,9-10	1	0	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
H.Alvarez L,3-6	7	9	4	4	0	3
Oliver	1	1	0	0	0	2
Frasor	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
E.Crawford	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Wang (Lawrie). WP—Wang.
T—2:52. A—22,538 (49,260) at Toronto.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Released OF Vladimir Guerrero from his minor league contract. Optioned INF Yan Gomes and RHP Chad Beck to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled LHP Aaron Laffey and LHP Evan Crawford from Las Vegas.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released WR Victor James, OL Jean-Sebastien Laberge and DL Rob Jubenville.

CFL

PRE-SEASON

Wednesday's games
Toronto at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 10 p.m.
Thursday's game
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NEW JERSEY (E6) VS.LOS ANGELES (W8)
(Los Angeles wins series 4-2)
Monday's result
Los Angeles 6 New Jersey 1

LATE MONDAY

KINGS 6, DEVILS 1

First Period
1. Los Angeles, Brown 8 (Doughty, Richards) 11:03 (pp)
2. Los Angeles, J.Carter 7 (Brown, Richards) 12:45 (pp)
3. Los Angeles, Lewis 2 (King, Doughty) 15:01 (pp)
Penalties — Volchenkov NJ (hooking) 3:01, Bernier NJ (boarding major, game misconduct) 10:10.
Second Period
4. Los Angeles, J.Carter 8 (Brown, Kopitar) 1:30
5. New Jersey, Henrique 5 (Sykora, Ponikarovsky) 18:45
Penalties — Salvador NJ (double high-sticking) 6:00, R.Carter NJ (roughing, misconduct) 14:23, Clarkson NJ (misconduct) 18:19, Penner LA (roughing) 19:43.
Third Period
6. Los Angeles, Lewis 3 (King, Stoll) 16:15 (en)
7. Los Angeles, M.Greene 2, 16:30
Penalties — Sykora NJ (roughing), Brown LA (tripping, charging; served by Williams) 6:55, Zidlicky NJ (tripping) 8:06.
Shots on goal by

New Jersey	4	6	8	— 18
Los Angeles	13	8	4	— 25

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (L,14-9); Los Angeles: Quick (W,16-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-2; Los Angeles: 3-9.
Attendance — 18,858 (18,118) at Los Angeles.

FINAL SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Brown, LA	8	12	20
Kopitar, LA	8	12	20
Kovalchuk, NJ	8	11	19
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
Doughty, LA	4	12	16
Parise, NJ	8	7	15
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
M.Richards, LA	4	11	15
J.Williams, LA	4	11	15
Zajac, NJ	7	7	14
Salvador, NJ	4	10	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Carter, LA	8	5	13
Henrique, NJ	4	5	13
Clarkson, NJ	3	9	12
Girardi, NYR	3	9	12
J.Carter, LA	6	5	11
Gaborik, NYR	5	6	11
Penner, LA	3	8	11
Callahan, NYR	6	4	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Zubrus, NJ	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	5	4	9
Lewis, LA	3	6	9
Ponikarovsky, NJ	1	8	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9
Stepan, NYR	1	8	9
Yandle, Phx	1	8	9
Zidlicky, NJ	1	8	9
Elias, NJ	5	3	8
King, LA	5	3	8
Boedker, Phx	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Hartnell, Pha	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Backstrom, Wash	2	6	8
Klesla, Phx	2	6	8
Jagr, Pha	1	7	8

NBA PLAYOFFS

THE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern
OKLAHOMA CITY (W2) VS. MIAMI (E2)
Tuesday's result
Miami at Oklahoma City
Thursday's game
Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Oklahoma City at Miami, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19
Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 21
x-Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 24
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

TENNIS

ATP AEGON CHAMPIONSHIPS

At London
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Kevin Anderson (9), South Africa, def. James Ward, Britain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
David Nalbandian (10), Argentina, def. **Vasek Pospisil, Vancouver,** 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Marcos Baghdatis (11), Cyprus, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-2.
Denis Istomin (12), Uzbekistan, def. Kenny de Schepper, France, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Alex Bogomolov Jr. (13), Russia, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Gilles Muller (14), Luxembourg, def. Liam Broady, Britain, 6-2, 6-1.
Go Soeda (15), Japan, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.
Ivo Karlovic (16), Croatia, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. **Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont.,** 6-1 (retired).
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

ATP GERRY WEBER OPEN

At Halle, Germany
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Marcel Granollers (6), Spain, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Andreas Seppi (7), Italy 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-6 (7).
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Tim Smyczek, U.S., 6-4, 6-4.
Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Konstantin Kravchuk, Russia, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 5-2 (retired).
Doubles — First Round
Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (1), Netherlands def. Benjamin Becker and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 12-10.
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont. and Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont., def. Dustin Brown, Germany and Oliver Marach (3), Austria, 4-6, 6-2, 11-9.

WTA GASTEIN LADIES

At Bad Gastein, Austria
Singles — First Round
Richel Hogenkamp, Netherlands, def. Julia Goerges (1), Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer (2), Belgium, def. Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, 6-3, 6-4.
Carla Suarez Navarro (4), Spain, def. Marta Domachowska, Poland, 6-4, 7-5.

SOCCER

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

NORTH, CENTRAL AND CARIBBEAN ZONE

Tuesday's results
GROUP A
At St. John's, Antigua
Antigua 0 Jamaica 0
At Guatemala City
Guatemala vs. U.S.
GROUP B
At San Salvador, El Salvador
El Salvador vs. Mexico
At Georgetown, Guyana
Costa Rica 4 Guyana 0
GROUP C
At Toronto
Canada 0 Honduras 0
At Panama City
Panama vs. Cuba

ASIA

FINAL ROUND

Tuesday's results
Group A
Iran 0 Qatar 0
South Korea 3 Lebanon 0
Group B
Australia 1 Japan 1
Iraq 1 Oman 1

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	2	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Chicago	13	5	5	3	15	17	18
Houston	12	4	4	4	13	15	16
New England	13	5	7	1	18	18	16
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	13	6	3	4	16	15	22
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
New York at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Puerto Rico	10	6	2	2	19	7	20
San Antonio	10	5	1	4	14	9	19
Minnesota	10	4	1	5	15	13	17
Fort Lauderdale	11	3	4	4	15	18	13
Tampa Bay	11	3	5	3	11	15	12
Edmonton	10	3	5	2	11	10	11
Carolina	11	2	4	5	18	20	11
Atlanta	11	1	5	5	11	22	8

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Carolina at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

EURO 2012

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Russia	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Czech Republic	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Poland	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Greece	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Tuesday's results
At Wroclaw, Poland
Czech Republic 2 Greece 1
At Warsaw, Poland
Poland 1 Russia 1
Saturday's games
At Warsaw, Poland
Greece vs. Russia, 2:45 p.m.
At Wroclaw, Poland
Czech Republic vs. Poland, 2:45 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Denmark	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Germany	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Netherlands	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Portugal	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Saturday's results
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Denmark 1 Netherlands 0
At Lviv, Ukraine
Germany 1 Portugal 0
Wednesday's games
At Lviv, Ukraine
Denmark vs. Portugal, 12 noon
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Netherlands vs. Germany, 2:45 p.m.
Sunday's games
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Portugal vs. Netherlands, 2:45 p.m.
At Lviv, Ukraine
Denmark vs. Germany, 2:45 p.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Croatia	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Spain	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Ireland	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Sunday's results
At Gdansk, Poland
Spain 1 Italy 1
At Poznan, Poland
Croatia 3 Ireland 1
Thursday's games
At Poznan, Poland
Italy vs. Croatia, 12 noon
At Gdansk, Poland
Spain vs. Ireland, 2:45 p.m.
Monday, June 18
At Gdansk, Poland
Croatia vs. Spain, 2:45 p.m.
At Poznan, Poland
Italy vs. Ireland, 2:45 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Ukraine	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sweden	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Monday's results
At Donetsk, Ukraine
France 1 England 1
At Kiev, Ukraine
Ukraine 2 Sweden 1
Friday's games
At Kiev, Ukraine
Sweden vs. England, 12 noon
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Ukraine vs. France, 2:45 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19
At Kiev, Ukraine
Sweden vs. France, 2:45 p.m.
At Donetsk, Ukraine
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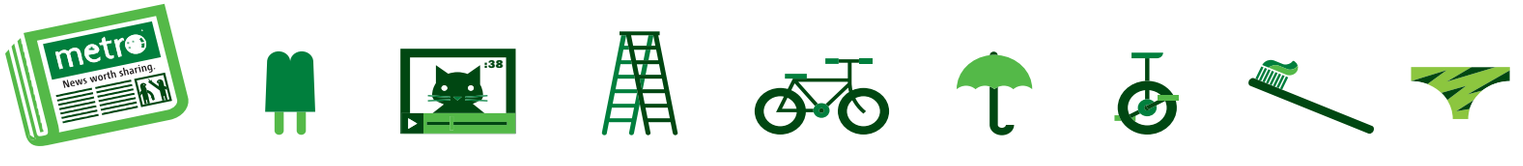

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Nice rims

As is the Scion way, the FR-S is shipped from its Japanese homeland with the expected load of standard gear plus aluminum sport pedals, a 300-watt Pioneer-brand sound system and Michelin Primacy rubber fitted to a neat set of 17-inch alloy wheels.

Premium fuel

This Scion is slim and trim — which saves fuel — with a rating of 8.3 l/100 km city and 5.8 highway for the automatic (9.6/6.6 for manual-gearbox versions).

But those numbers are offset by the engine's requirement for more expensive premium fuel.

2013 Scion FR-S

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive 2+2 sport coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC H4 (200).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.6/6.6 (MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $27,500.

Hitting 100 km/h from rest takes a bit more than six seconds.

Engine

As with Subaru's BRZ, the FR-S employs a 200-horsepower (and 151 pound-feet of torque) 2.0-litre "flat" four-cylinder engine (one bank of two pistons fires at 180 degrees to the opposite two pistons). The basic design is all-Subaru, while Toyota contributes a unique intake system.

Review. A marriage produces a car that neither Toyota nor Subaru would likely have had on their own

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Look, everyone ... twins.

For Subaru, the BRZ becomes the exception to its all-wheel-drive, all-the-time rule. For Toyota's Scion division, the identical FR-S is the flagship model that the brand has needed from the start.

It's unusual for two competing automakers (although Toyota does own a small piece of Subaru) to launch closely similar products, but not entirely unheard of. But in the case of specialty vehicles — 2+2 sport coupes, for example — that sell in limited quantities, it's a bit surprising, but ultimately great for buyers who could initiate a dealership dogfight in their attempts to score the best deal.

Scion, with its more prolific dealer network, should easily move its fair share of FR-S metal. FR-S stands for front-engine, rear-wheel-drive sport. And what impressive metal it is. The coupe's long-hood, short-deck proportions are right on the money and the low hood, muscular fenders and curvy roofline give it a poised, gimmick-free appearance.

The FR-S represents the kind of breakout styling that the rest of the Toyota fleet should emulate.

The interior design also carries the Toyota stamp of approval, with big round dials flanked by even bigger round air vents. As with any sport model worth its muscle, the tachometer (also big and round) sits dead centre in the driver's line of vision, with a smaller speedometer to the left and fuel/temperature gauges to the right.

With a road-ready starting price of $27,500, the Scion-Subaru FR-S offspring is all about inexpensive fun. Remember what that was like?

No?

It's about time, then, that Toyota and Subaru got together.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

What's your ratchet?

If you work on cars, either as a hobby or to pay the bills, you'll appreciate a set of Zyklop ratchets from Wera. Their unique rotating-mass design allows you to easily spin the socket up to three times more quickly (according to the manufacturer) than a standard ratchet. Although tackling bolts is the Zyklop's primary function, it can also be used as a reversible screwdriver when fitted with one of a number of different bits. Its swivelling-ratchet design allows it to function at a variety of angles, which is especially handy in cramped areas. Wera makes Zyklop ratchet sets from 18-43 pieces with prices beginning in the US $80 range for the basic set through amazon.com. The 43-piece set costs about US $240. For more info you can also check out the manufacturer's website at www-us.wera.de.

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The Nissan Leaf powers a home in this demonstration. NISSAN CANADA

The power's out? Plug your house into your electric car

Charging. Unique Vehicle-to-Home system already set to go on sale in Japan this month

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Few things are more annoying than the power going out. But in the future, your lights could come back on, thanks to the car in your driveway.

Nissan recently demonstrated its Vehicle-to-Home (V2H) system, which uses the battery in the all-electric Leaf hatchback to provide power during outages, as well as offset expensive peak-hour electricity or even sell some back to the grid.

V2H is still in its infancy here, and faces considerable research and test projects before it could be available to consumers, but a version will go on sale in Japan later this month.

"As the grid grows and gets smarter, and as infrastructure comes on line, the consumer's going to look for alternatives and flexibility," says Allen Childs, president of Nissan Canada.

"This adds value in that it's a supply source to the home when the normal supply is interrupted."

V2H requires a special Power Control System, or PCS, provided by Nissan and wired into the house's electrical panel. When the Leaf is plugged in, the PCS charges the car's battery from the house current, just as happens now with the conventional house charger sold with the Leaf.

When the house needs power, though, the PCS reverses the direction, and electricity flows from the Leaf's battery into the house system. Nissan says that a fully charged Leaf could run a typical house for a day.

Many Leaf owners charge their vehicles at night, when electricity is cheaper. Potentially, some of the car's stored power could be "mixed in" with electricity from the utility company during peak periods when power is expensive, reducing the overall cost. Nissan also envisions a "smart grid" communicating with cars during periods of heavy use, "asking" them to sell their inexpensive stored electricity back to the utility company at peak-rate prices.

So how do you drive your electric car, if you've used or sold its stored charge? This is where driver, car, and grid will have to work together.

The driver programs in what she'll need — say, 60 kilometres for the day's commute. The car could use or sell its excess power, but stop before cutting into that 60-km range of battery power.

It takes about seven hours to fully charge the Leaf with its household charger, but a quick-charge DC system can provide up to 80 per cent capacity in 30 minutes. If these expensive DC units drop in price and become more widespread, drivers could also use or sell the battery's power at peak rates, and later plug in half an hour before the car is needed again.

Batteries

- Electricity is used as soon as it's made, and large-scale storage is prohibitively expensive and impractical. Smaller-scale storage, such as electric car batteries, is one possible solution to heavy demand at certain times of the day.
- Electric vehicle batteries that are too depleted to run a car still have considerable capacity, and research is underway to possibly use them for stationary power storage.

Nissan Canada president Allen Childs plugs in the Leaf. According to the automaker, the electric car, when fully charged, could run a typical house for a day. NISSAN CANADA

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An automotive spa fix

Auto Know.
No need to leave the car for a good pampering, eh.

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For a base price of $123,900, you get a power folding top with a metal panel that you can actually see through. There's a sunshade to cut the light, but that wasn't needed much on this day in Nova Scotia. The beauty of the SL550 is that it can be an all-weather coupe as much as it can be a sunny-day ride. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

First a vigorous massage, then a heated scarf is placed at my neck. Soothing music is piped in. I am cradled in a luxurious nut brown-coloured seat made of the finest leather. My eyes are being treated to scenes of majestic cliffs and red-sand bluffs dropping into a shimmering sea.

Am I zoning out in a spa? Nope. The rev of the 4.6-litre twin-turbocharged V8 of the 2013 Mercedes-Benz SL550 brings me back, with literally a snap, to reality. All this pampering is happening at the same time that I squeeze the throttle and screech the rear tires to 100 km/h from zero in just over four-and-a-half seconds. I love mixing business with pleasure.

In 20 second,s the standard panoramic see-through-metal roof drops back. It's a "topless" windy and cool day here in Nova Scotia. The East Coast province is tiny and even though it's one of the more southerly destinations in The Great White North with a latitude equivalent to that of Minneapolis, Minn., and Boise, Idaho, spring can whip up sudden showers and temperatures that dramatically fluctuate throughout the day.

Even with the roof down, it's warm and cozy in here in this bit of $123,900 heaven. The 2013 Mercedes-Benz SL550 is a roadster that indulges the occupants with top-of-the-line comfort, including warm air piped in and around your neck.

Quote

"The 2013 Mercedes-Benz SL550 is a roadster that indulges the occupants with top-of-the-line comfort, including warm air piped in and around your neck."

Perpetually seething just below the surface, though, is something a little racier. Truly "Sport Leicht" as the SL designation states. Mercedes-Benz's first all-aluminum body is leicht, alright, 120 kilograms lighter than the previous SL550. But it's a heavyweight in the two-seat roadster class at 429 horsepower. It's delicious to paddle-shift the seven responsive gears of the enhanced 7G-TRONIC PLUS transmission.

Rutted and pothole-infested roads of Nova Scotia, beware. The SL550 is on the loose. The Glooscap Trail hugs the northern edge of an area called the Minas Basin. This basin joins the Bay of Fundy, that world-renowned body of water that, every six hours, funnels about 13 square kilometres of water through the Minas Channel. It's a huge volume, indeed. More than the daily outflow of all the world's rivers combined, moving at 15 km/h and raising and lowering the tide by 20 metres. These are the highest tides in the world.

The high bluff shoreline and the curvy strip of blacktop along those bluffs were created by that wild tidal activity. It's one twisty, turny drive that has the SL550's ears laid back and the tires biting hard on the road.

The dazzling views, whether the Bay is full and frothy or completely empty, revealing glistening mudflats, would awe any passenger and compensate for whatever anxiety the over-zealous driver may be causing.

You certainly don't have to close your eyes and dream of being in a spa when you can get an eye full of fine leather, detailed metal bits and high fashion. With 12 speakers and 600 watts, you'll want to keep your ears open, too.

Up ahead there's Port Greville, where some 400 ships were built and launched. A photo op at Spencer's Island, with its lonely driftwood-strewn beach? Not really. The wiry road through these hidden gems is adamant that I keep the SL550 moving.

In Advocate Harbour, where boats rest on their hulls on the ocean floor awaiting the tide to come in and raise them 10 metres to wharf height, the Wild Carraway Café's menu features Rhubarb Strawberry Eton Mess ... whatever that is. I opt for a coffee. I don't want to feel weighed down, or Sport Leicht, if you please.

Around the point of remote Cape Chignecto is a deserted two-lane winding road through the woods. Time to play with the SL550's two driving modes: ABC (Active Body Control) Sport and ABC Comfort. The side bolsters of the seat intuitively curve into my body as the vehicle turns, keeping me right in front the wheel. I'm able to steer instead of using the wheel to hang on.

Hitting the open freeway, I can finally appreciate the music that's rockin' the cabin. The 2013 Mercedes-Benz SL550 introduces FrontBass, where the stereo system's subwoofers are integrated into the front footwells instead of in the doors. The bass is tight and focused and not muddy and muffled. There are 12 speakers in here and 600 watts worth of amplifiers.

Fox Harb'r Resort in the town of Wallace is the overnight destination. The lush 18-hole championship golf course, one of the top 75 courses in North America, and the distracting, spectacular wide-open ocean vistas have challenged the likes of Bill Clinton, Bobby Orr, Charles Barkley and Tiger Woods.

Sadly it's time to dismount the SL550. A wave of the foot at the back of the car is all it takes to open the trunk to get the bags out. Magic!

Honestly, I feel a twinge of guilt for the fuel I've burned today, but the 4.6-litre engine, despite having more power, also burns about 20 per cent less fuel than the previous SL. The turbochargers add power only when you want to play, while direct injection can create ultra-lean cruise/decelerate fuel mixtures. And when you're stopped at a light or in a parking lot, or wherever, "ECO" start/stop tech means the SL is not using gas when it's not moving.

Walking away, I turn back and gaze at the SL550's sinewy lines, sexy shoulders and those trapezoidal exhaust pipes. I could console myself with a spa treatment at The Spa at Fox Harb'r but I'd rather ensconce myself in the spa-like cockpit of the SL550.

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Acura RSX

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When introduced, the two-door Acura RSX coupe rode an all-new platform shared by the latest Honda Civic. Standard equipment included standard 15-inch wheels, front and side airbags, air conditioning and a CD player. Leather seating, cruise control, a sunroof and a 6-CD changer were present in the RSX's hardware list as well, depending on the model in question.

Compact, energetic and poised, the RSX quickly became popular with performance-minded buyers after a premium machine.

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Common Issues

Be sure there's plenty of pad left on the brakes, and that they aren't squealing — which could indicate the need for a brake job. Check tire tread depth and condition, noting any abnormal wear across the tread width that could indicate alignment issues.

Note any owner-added upgrades, avoiding models modified with anything more serious than an intake and exhaust system. Improperly installed, modified parts can adversely affect the longevity of your used RSX and its various systems.

Engine

All RSX models got a two-litre, four-cylinder engine. Standard models developed 160 horsepower, while the sportier Type S model made around 200, depending on the year in question.

What Owners Like

Owners of the RSX tended to rate its styling and driving dynamics the most highly, with comfort and performance falling slightly behind. Most report satisfaction with the RSX's mileage, handling, responsiveness and reliability.

What Owners Dislike

Common complaints include poor ride quality on account of the stiff, sport-tuned suspension, and limited rear-seat space.

Verdict

Ultimately, shoppers finding a good deal on a used RSX that fits their budget and priorities will likely join a community of largely satisfied owners.

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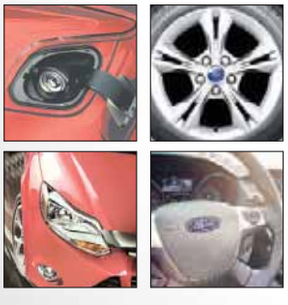

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Trans-Canada Highway turns 50

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One of the more recent and dramatic stretches to be added to the network known as the Trans Canada Highway 1, is the 13-km Confederation Bridge, completed in 1997, connecting P.E.I. to New Brunswick (and vice versa!). PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

The Trans-Canada Highway, which turns 50-years old this year, is almost too Canadian. Like someone was working with a checklist, trying to jam as many Canadian-isms into one entity as possible.

Like, is it big? It's gotta be big, right?

Well, how about, one of the world's longest national roads? This shouldn't be too surprising. One thing this country is not short on is width.

When it was completed in 1962, it encompassed 4,860 miles (7,776 km). Over the years, several more routes were added, so its even longer today (8,000 plus).

Did we have enough federal-provincial bickering?

Absolutely.

"From the very beginning, the feds and the provinces were bickering about who would pay, how much they would pay, where the route would go. This all made it a very typical Canada project," says Daniel Francis, author of the beautiful book, Road for Canada, The Illustrated Story of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Enough battling with beautiful and cruel nature?

Besides the political hurdles, there were obviously also very, real natural ones. Like really big, mountains. Several of the major mountain roads in B.C., like the Big Bend Highway that links Golden with Revelstoke, were completed as "make work" projects during the 1930s.

But the last gap to be closed was a mosquito-infested stretch around Lake Superior, which actually became known as "The Gap." A paved road through there was not competed until 1960.

When I asked Francis about his favourite scenic stretches, he mentioned several — all those B.C. mountain passes, the Saint John River Valley in New Brunswick, the road north of Superior — before he metaphorically threw his hands up.

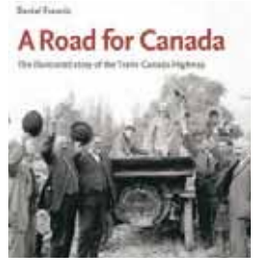
"Well, you could go on about the landscape in Canada forever ... the road lets you see it."

Celebrated in typical muted Canadian way?

While construction continued until 1971, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker officially opened the Trans-Canada on Sept. 3, 1962, in a screwed up ceremony on the Rogers Pass, in B.C. The sound system didn't work. The musicians were late. Speeches went on and on and on.

And while we've come to love our big highway, Francis notes it pales in myth-making capacity when compared to the first railway to cross the country.

"Unlike the railway, which was built very quickly, in a very specific period of time, the highway build spread out over many years. It was also a project that was made up of other roads, which already existed."



Also hurting its status as a topic for folk singers, is that it has evolved over the years to become more a system of getting across the country, than one magical, all-encompassing East-West route.

But there is lots of magic in that road (or system). Every Canadian dreams of hitting the highway and seeing the country at some point in their lives, and every Canadian can immediately picture Terry Fox and Rick Hansen on that highway, and when one does that, it's not hard to feel pride in being a Canadian.

Notes Francis: "It does seem that when we have an important statement to make, or some drama to enact, the highway tends to be the place where we do it."

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A Honda six-speed manual transmission (cross-section) is pictured. HONDA

Automakers gear up for fuel economy

Driving Force. You switch gears in your ride all the time, but did you ever wonder how it all works?

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A transmission certainly seems simple enough when you're in your vehicle: put the shift lever in Drive and away you go. But that lever is attached to an extremely complex component that can affect how your car performs and what fuel economy it can achieve.

"You have an engine that's exerting power, and you have to put that power to the ground through the wheels," says Hayato Mori, manager of product planning for Honda Canada. "You have to put gearing in between to efficiently transmit the power from the engine to where you want it to go."

Just like on a multi-speed bicycle, the various gears in the transmission are different sizes. By selecting the appropriate gear — either by the transmission itself on an automatic, or by the driver with a stick shift — maximum power is directed to the wheels while using as little engine power as possible. Sometimes the engine will have to work harder, such as when you're taking off from a stop, but at higher speeds the transmission will allow the vehicle to cruise along while using relatively little power, which helps save fuel.

Transmissions usually contain anywhere from four to six forward gears (along with neutral and reverse), and some automakers even offer seven or eight.

"By putting more gears in between, you change the ratio, so it needs less engine power," Mori says. "Let's say you're going up one floor, and the stairway has five steps. You go up another that has six steps. Going up five steps requires more work than six steps, because the six steps are smaller. That's the same kind of thing you have on a transmission."

Even so, there is still much that engineers can do with fewer gears.

"Even with a five-speed, you can change the ratio," Mori says. "On a flight of stairs, you can vary the height or length of the steps so it's not as energy-exerting. It all hinges on how well the technology works. We have five-speed transmissions that can achieve the same or better than some competitors with six-speed transmissions."

Adding more gears also adds complexity and weight, Mori adds, and automakers must carefully balance the engine and transmission technologies to achieve maximum fuel economy.

Transmission talk

- Not all transmissions have gears. Many automakers offer a continuously variable transmission, or CVT, that uses pulleys and a belt or chain to achieve a theoretically infinite number of ratios.
- A transmission's greatest enemy is heat. If you tow a trailer or frequently carry heavy loads, make sure to have a transmission cooler installed if your vehicle didn't come with one.

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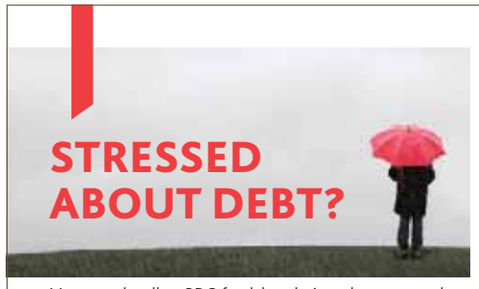

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1 "And so to bed" diarist
6 Procession
12 Approach the curb
13 Eye-related
14 Take for granted
15 Type of test
16 Subsequently
17 Lummox
19 Rushmore face
20 Diamond in the sky?
22 Trinity member
24 Helgenberger series
27 Weaponry
29 Bound bundle
32 Gertrude Stein quote
35 Metal refuse
36 Bean town?
37 Turf
38 Moo — gai pan
40 Steals
42 Omega preceder
44 Affix an X
46 Verve
50 Virgil masterwork
52 Have high hopes
54 Runt
55 Irreparable
56 Venomous vipers
57 Gaiters

Down

1 Shove
2 Differently
3 Banjo sound
4 "Tasty!"
5 Suggesting a rainbow
6 Lauren brand
7 Low-pH chemicals
8 Same old same-old
9 Annual publications
10 Fingerpaint
11 Gaelic
12 Vanna's cohort
18 Unquestioning follower
21 Writer Fleming
23 Kimono closer
24 Group of former USSR members
25 Bando of baseball
26 Thought
28 College discussions
30 — -tzu
31 Conclusion
33 In olden times
34 Eminem's genre
39 Wickerwork willow
41 Old photo tint
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45 Mid-month date
47 Scourge of serge
48 Bellicose deity
49 Simpsons' neighbor
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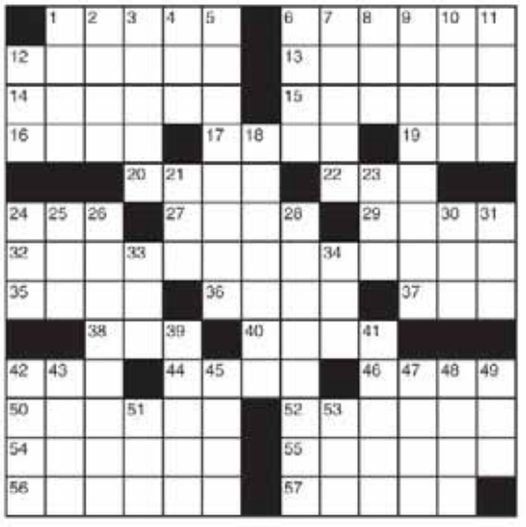
53 Dine



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6				8				2
8		7		6		1		9
		9	1		5	7		
5								3
			6		3			
4								1
		1	3		4	2		
3		2		9		8		4
9				2				5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	5	1	2	7	9	8	6	3
6	2	9	3	6	4	7	1	5
3	6	7	5	8	1	2	9	4
8	1	3	4	9	7	5	8	2
5	4	8	6	2	3	9	7	1
9	7	2	8	1	5	3	4	6
1	8	5	7	3	6	4	2	9
2	3	6	9	4	8	1	5	7
7	9	4	1	5	2	6	3	8

Yesterday's Crossword

H	A	D		A	L	M	S		S	O	I	L
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S	O	A	R		L	O	N	G	U	E	U	R
P	R	I	G		E	D	I	E		P	R	O
A	B	L	E		S	E	E	D		S	O	P

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How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

F D H R Q B F C L Q K V Q T B

B Q A H U B C I H L C C I M C L V D Q F

D Q U G H Z C I H D J B M Q A C L J F H

U H B B H L F, R L H Q Z D I H K G Q.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A BRAINSTORMING SESSION HELD IN A COOKING AREA MIGHT BE CALLED THE KITCHEN THINK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. Today's Sun-Saturn link promises that if you make a serious effort you will enjoy serious results — the kind that could make you a star.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets will bring several opportunities your way over the next 24 hours but there is one goal you should be focusing on to the exclusion of everything else.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. The more you are on the move today, the less time you will have to spend worrying about little things.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You sense that an important change is coming and you are worried it might be a change for the worse. You won't escape this feeling until the Sun enters your sign on the 20th.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will realize today that you were wrong to be suspicious about someone's motives. Apologize if you've been harsh. It's not too late, but be fast.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You enjoy routine but the planets warn there is a danger you could settle into a routine that is too comfortable and too predictable.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Things have been going so well for you that you are afraid there is some sort of catch. Don't worry, there isn't. Today's Sun-Saturn link will confirm how truly fortunate you are.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Money matters will go well today but they will go even better if you follow your instincts rather than what the "experts" suggest.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Forget what others say you have to do and focus on your own desires. That is not only the recipe for having fun but also the recipe for success.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Someone in a position of authority will be impressed by your willingness to stick to a task that others too easily gave up on.

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Eligible participants must be Canadian residents and must provide satisfactory proof of their purchase/lease of a qualifying competitive vehicle. Participants will receive a $100 gas card. Limit one offer per person. Some conditions apply. See participating dealers for complete details. *3 Payments On Us offer is available on approved credit to eligible retail customers who finance or lease a new 2012/2013 Forte Sedan/Forte Koup/Forte5/Optima/Optima Hybrid/Sportage/Sorento from a participating dealer between June 11 – June 16, 2012. Eligible lease and purchase finance (including FlexChoice) customers will receive a cheque in the amount of three payments (excluding taxes) to a maximum of $350/$350/$350/$400/$400/$500/$550/month. Lease and finance (including FlexChoice) purchases are subject to approved credit. Customers will be given a choice between up to $1,650 reductions from the selling/leasing price after taxes or dealer can issue a cheque to the customer. Some conditions apply. See your dealer for complete details. **0% purchase financing is available on select 2012 Kia models on approved credit (OAC). Terms vary by model and trim, see dealer for complete details. Representative financing example based on 2012 Optima LX MT (OP54TC) with a selling price of $23,584 (includes delivery and destination fees of $1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable)) financed at 0% APR for 60 months. Bi-weekly payments equal $164 with a down payment/equivalent trade of $1,750. Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $23,584. License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA, and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. ◆“Don’t Pay Until Fall” on select models (120-day payment deferral) applies to purchase financing offers on select 2012 and 2013 models on approved credit (OAC) (2012/2013 Sportage/Sorento/Sedona excluded). No interest will accrue during the first 90 days of the finance contract. After this period, interest starts to accrue and the purchaser will repay the principal interest monthly over the term of the contract. ◄Cash purchase price for 2012 Sorento LX MT (SR65AC) is $22,679 and includes a cash savings of $3,100 (which is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes and cannot be combined with special lease and finance offers), delivery and destination fees of $1,650, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable taxes, PPSA, admin fee (up to $699), and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. Available at participating dealers. ◄Bi-weekly finance payment for 2012 Forte Sedan LX MT (F054DC) based on a selling price of $17,484 is $85 with an APR of 1.49% for 60 months, amortized over an 84-month period. Estimated remaining principal balance of $4,353 plus applicable taxes due at end of 60-month period. Offer includes a loan savings of $1,500 and a competitive bonus of $500. Delivery and destination fees of $1,455, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, environmental fee and A/C tax ($100, where applicable) are included. License, insurance, applicable taxes, PPSA, admin fee (up to $699), and registration fees are extra. See dealer for full details. ‡Loan savings for 2012 Forte Sedan LX MT (F054DC) is $1,500 and is available on purchase financing only on approved credit (OAC). Loan savings vary by model and trim and are deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. Some conditions apply. ≠ECO-Credit for 2012 Optima Hybrid is $1,000 and is applicable to the purchase or lease of a new 2012 Kia Optima Hybrid. Available at participating dealers. Certain restrictions apply. See dealer for details. ^Competitive Bonus offer available on the purchase or lease of new 2012 Optima (excluding Hybrid)/2012 Forte models at a value of $500 (deducted before tax) for owners of a Honda Accord/Civic, Toyota Camry/Corolla or Mazda6/Mazda3 with proof of ownership. Certain restrictions apply. Offer is transferable within same household (must provide proof of address). Limit of one bonus per customer or household. Offer not combinable with any other loyalty/conquest offers. Offer ends July 3, 2012. ^^2012 Kia Forte Sedan/2012 Kia Sorento awarded the Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Visit iihs.org for full details. ^Highway/city fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on Transport Canada’s approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the Government of Canada’s *EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary. 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